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Interim Report – Tranche 2

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1. Introduction

Scottish Prison Service (SPS) Early Release Statistics

Official Statistics: Special Release of Management Information

The Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 provides new powers for the early release of a specific class of prisoners held in Scottish prisons.

Early Release has been deemed necessary in order to provide SPS with additional operational capacity including allowing for a greater use of single cell occupancy, keeping prison staff and the people in their care safe.

A total of **272 people** have been released from prison in the first two phases of release. The first early releases took place on 6th May, 2020.

As well as a specific set of exclusions¹, Governors In Charge (GIC) are empowered to veto a release if they consider that “if released, the person would pose an immediate risk of harm to an identified person”².

The following tables provide information on the outcomes of Governors’ assessments, and the numbers of prisoners released under this scheme. This information is collated by the governor of each prison and aggregated by SPS Operations Directorate.

Early release is being rolled out in three tranches. This report covers those considered for early release in Tranche 2.

	Release Period	Total Eligible	Released Early	Vetoed	Other release*	Other non-release°
Tranche 1	04/05/2020 - 18/05/2020	204	154	23	27	0
Tranche 2	19/05/2020 - 25/05/2020	133	118	13	2	0
Tranche 3	26/05/2020 - 01/06/2020	108	-	-	-	-
Total to Date		445	272	36	29	0

* Includes cases released on their original schedule or under Home Detention Curfew

° Includes individual whose release is delayed due to showing symptoms of COVID-19

¹ Prisoner groups identified in paragraph 19(4) are excluded from early release
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2020/7/schedule/4/paragraph/19>,

² *Ibid.* Paragraph 19(3)(b) details the Governor’s veto

In the first two tranches, 337 individuals were eligible. 272 were released early, 36 had their release prevented by the Governor in Charge's veto, and 29 were released for other reasons. None of those eligible in tranche 1 or 2 were symptomatic with COVID-19, which would have led to a delay in their release.

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2. Tranche 2 – Overview by Establishment

Establishment	Total Considered	Released	row %	Veto Applied	row %	HDC* Released	row %
Addiewell	11	9	82%	2	18%	-	-
Barlinnie	34	32	94%	2	6%	-	-
Cornton Vale	5	5	100%	-	-	-	-
Edinburgh	7	7	100%	-	-	-	-
Glenochil	4	1	25%	3	75%	-	-
Grampian	11	10	91%	-	-	1	9%
Greenock	4	3	75%	1	25%	-	-
Inverness	2	2	100%	-	-	-	-
Kilmarnock	6	3	50%	3	50%	-	-
Low Moss	26	24	92%	1	4%	1	4%
Perth	11	11	100%	-	-	-	-
Polmont	12	11	92%	1	8%	-	-
Total	133	118	89%	13	10%	2	2%

** Individuals who were eligible for release in the tranche, but chose to be liberated under Home Detention Curfew licence conditions.*

3. Tranche 2 - Overview by Local Authority

Establishment	Total			Veto		HDC*	
	Considered	Released	row %	Applied	row %	Released	row %
Aberdeen City	5	4	80%	-	-	1	20%
Aberdeenshire	4	4	100%	-	-	-	-
Angus	2	2	100%	-	-	-	-
Argyll And Bute	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-
City Of Edinburgh	4	4	100%	-	-	-	-
Clackmannanshire	3	3	100%	-	-	-	-
Dumfries & Galloway	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-
Dundee City	4	4	100%	-	-	-	-
East Ayrshire	8	6	75%	2	25%	-	-
East Dunbartonshire	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-
East Lothian	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-
East Renfrewshire	2	1	50%	-	-	1	50%
Falkirk	10	10	100%	-	-	-	-
Fife	9	4	44%	5	56%	-	-
Glasgow City	26	25	96%	1	4%	-	-
Highland	3	3	100%	-	-	-	-
Inverclyde	7	6	86%	1	14%	-	-
Midlothian	3	3	100%	-	-	-	-
Moray	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-
North Ayrshire	2	2	100%	-	-	-	-
North Lanarkshire	7	5	71%	2	29%	-	-
Outwith Scotland	3	2	67%	1	33%	-	-
Perth And Kinross	5	5	100%	-	-	-	-
Renfrewshire	4	4	100%	-	-	-	-
South Ayrshire	2	2	100%	-	-	-	-
South Lanarkshire	5	4	80%	1	20%	-	-
Stirling	5	5	100%	-	-	-	-
West Dunbartonshire	2	2	100%	-	-	-	-
West Lothian	3	3	100%	-	-	-	-
Total	133	118	89%	13	10%	2	2%

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4. Tranche 2 – Overview by Age Range

Age Range	Total			Veto		HDC*	
	Considered	Released	row %	Applied	row %	Released	row %
16-17	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-
18-22	13	12	92%	1	8%	-	-
23-27	13	13	100%	-	-	-	-
28-32	26	21	81%	4	15%	1	4%
33-37	30	29	97%	1	3%	-	-
38-42	26	22	85%	4	15%	-	-
43-47	18	14	78%	3	17%	1	6%
48-52	4	4	100%	-	-	-	-
53-57	2	2	100%	-	-	-	-
58 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	133	118	89%	13	10%	2	2%

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5. Tranche 2 – Overview by Gender

Gender	Total			Veto		HDC*	
	Considered	Released	row %	Applied	row %	Released	row %
Women	9	8	89%	-	-	1	11%
Men	124	110	89%	13	10%	1	1%
Total	133	118	89%	13	10%	2	2%

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