



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ23311

19 March 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 20 February 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: "The number of instances reported to Scottish Prisons Service where prison staff have been exposed to illicit substances and have been affected or suffered harm as a result. Please provide this information for the financial years of 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 and break down by prison, if possible."

We have now completed our search for the information you requested.

RFI 1 Response: SPS record incidents where staff are affected or harmed by exposure to illicit substances under incident category 'Drugs – Staff Affected'. Please see below table showing the recorded instances broken down by financial year and establishment.

Establishment	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	Total
Addiewell	<5	<5	0	<5	8
Barlinnie	0	0	<5	0	<5
Cornton Vale	0	0	0	0	0
Dumfries	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Edinburgh	18	5	<5	<5	28
Glenochil	10	<5	<5	0	12
Grampian	10	0	<5	0	12
Greenock	<5	<5	0	0	5
Inverness	<5	0	0	0	<5
Kilmarnock	0	0	0	<5	<5
Low Moss	<5	0	<5	<5	7
Open Estate	<5	0	0	0	<5
Perth	9	0	<5	<5	14
Polmont	27	<5	<5	0	32
Shotts	26	<5	<5	<5	36
Stirling	0	0	0	0	0
Total	117	19	17	13	166

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to fully provide the information you have requested because an exemption under section 38(1)(b) (personal information) of FOI(S)A applies to that information. Where the data returns

a value of less than 5, this has been suppressed in order to ensure that there can be no inadvertent identification of individuals captured within scope of the request.

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to conduct an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be conducted and should be made within forty working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within twenty working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager