



**HEADQUARTERS**  
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**Our Ref:** HQ24044

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Dear

Thank you for your request dated 21 May 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

**RFI 1:** “On the prison estate, how many prisons have drug detection dogs and could you list how many are in each prison?”

**RFI 2:** “Could you also supply a table of how many drugs have been found in each prison over the last three years, broken down by each year and each prison and the type of drugs found?”

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

**RFI 1 Response:** SPS have a national tactical search team comprising of 12 staff who utilise 18 dogs. They are not establishment based as they are a national resource.

**RFI 2 Response:** There are a total of 12,220 drug recovery incidents recorded in the last 3 years.

Please see the table below for a breakdown down by financial year and establishment. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide information on drug types as this would require a manual review of each incident:

<b>Drug Recoveries (Financial year – 01/04 – 31/03) by Establishment</b>			
<b>Establishment</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
<b>Addiewell</b>	433	381	235
<b>Barlinnie</b>	343	237	275
<b>Bella</b>	N/A	2	1
<b>Cornton Vale</b>	16	10	N/A
<b>Dumfries</b>	95	58	46
<b>Edinburgh</b>	961	353	355
<b>Glenochil</b>	641	80	149
<b>Grampian</b>	205	224	231
<b>Greenock</b>	128	102	65
<b>Inverness</b>	165	101	137
<b>Kilmarnock</b>	963	523	474
<b>Lilias</b>	N/A	2	0
<b>Low Moss</b>	259	232	281
<b>Open Estate</b>	48	32	51

<b>Perth</b>	452	280	217
<b>Polmont</b>	368	699	339
<b>Shotts</b>	512	210	235
<b>Stirling</b>	N/A	N/A	14
	<b>5589</b>	<b>3526</b>	<b>3105</b>

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