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Dear

Thank you for your request dated 4 July 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: “For each prison in Scotland, how many prisoners are currently held in them, and how many are they meant to hold? This data should be provided for the last five years, to the date of your reply.”

RFI 2: “For each prison in Scotland, how many staff are there (not administrative etc, only prison staff directly), and how many vacancies are there? This should also be provided for the last five years, to the date of your reply.”

RFI 3: “The number of people who are currently serving an Indeterminate Sentence for Public Protection (IPP) in each prison in Scotland. This should include:

- which crimes they are serving an IPP for (in detail)
- how long they have been serving an IPP for
- How many people serving an IPP have been recalled to prison after they committed an offence.”

We have now completed our search for the information you requested which has been provided.

RFI 1 Response: Please find in the table below, the breakdown of prisoners currently held within all prisons in Scotland on 1 August 2024 and their design capacity.

For data going back five years please refer to The Scottish Government website, which will provide you with the statistics for Scotland’s prison population. [Scottish Prison Population Statistics and Projections - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/consultations-petitions-and-statements/scottish-prison-population-statistics-and-projections/)

Establishment	Design Capacity	Today’s Population
Addiewell	702	722
Barlinnie	987	1323
Bella	16	10
Dumfries	176	182
Edinburgh	867	909
Glenochil	668	718
Grampian	552	445
Greenock	224	237
Inverness	93	112

Kilmarnock	501	580
Lilias	24	15
Low Moss	784	782
Castle Huntly	284	171
Perth	631	673
Polmont	758	473
Shotts	538	536
Stirling	100	81
Total	7905	7969

RFI 2 Response: Please see tables below:

Prison Officers by Establishment

Establishment	Oct 2020	April 2021	April 2022	April 2023	April 2024
Barlinnie	514	512	529	492	502
Bella	N/A	N/A	N/A	33	34
Cornton Vale	131	132	154	137	N/A
Dumfries	128	128	124	122	129
Edinburgh	391	395	394	372	395
Glenochil	325	318	323	325	323
Grampian	248	235	233	241	241
Greenock	165	164	162	155	167
Inverness	95	93	94	96	102
Kilmarnock	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Under review
Lilias	N/A	N/A	N/A	33	34
Low Moss	278	271	279	269	274
Castle Huntly	80	82	85	84	84
Perth	282	284	301	288	292
Polmont	354	354	353	348	354
Shotts	300	293	300	289	290
Stirling	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	188

Prison Officer Vacancies by Establishment

Establishment	Oct 2020	April 2021	April 2022	April 2023	April 2024
Barlinnie	6.4	6.3	0	23.1	0.6
Bella	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.1	1.8
Cornton Vale	0	1.5	0	0	N/A
Dumfries	0.5	2.3	2.5	1.8	0
Edinburgh	6	0	0.8	22	0
Glenochil	3.3	7.9	3.4	3.2	5.6
Grampian	2.4	10.6	15.4	8.8	8.4
Greenock	0	0	2.1	9.1	0
Inverness	0.8	1.8	2.6	2.6	0
Kilmarnock	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Under review
Lilias	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.6	1.5
Low Moss	0	5.3	0.1	9.1	3
Castle Huntly	3.5	1.5	0	1.5	0
Perth	8.9	6.7	0	1	1.8
Polmont	1.6	3	5.3	4.8	0
Shotts	0.8	5.8	0	13.1	9.9
Stirling	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.7

The table above captures the substantive vacancies that fall within the scope of your request. To clarify, within the operational roles that the request relates to, SPS has an agreed number of posts which may be filled on a part-time or full-time basis. One full-time equivalent (FTE) vacancy would equate to 1.0 so any reported number below 1.0 means there is part of a full-time equivalent post which is vacant. For example, a vacancy position of 1.5 means there is a full-time vacancy (the 1.0), plus one half of a full-time vacancy (the 0.5), which could be filled on a part-time basis.

RFI 3 Response: There are less than five prisoners in SPS custody serving an Indeterminate Sentence for Public Protection.

We do endeavour to provide information whenever possible. However, in this instance an exemption under section 38(1)(b) (personal information) of FOISA applies to the information requested. Personal data is exempt from disclosure if disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the UK GDPR and in section 34(1) of the DPA 2018. The Scottish Prison Service seeks to be as open and transparent as possible, while also upholding our statutory obligation to protect the personal information of those in our care. The information you have requested relates to a small group of individuals and providing the information requested could, together with other available information lead to their inadvertent identification.

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