



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ24093

19 August 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 19 July 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: “How many 16- and 17-year-olds are currently held in a young offender’s institution in Scotland?”

RFI 2: “How many 16- and 17-year-olds have been placed in a young offender’s institution in Scotland since 4 June 2024?”

RFI 3: “How many 16- and 17-year-olds have been moved from secure care to a young offender’s institution in Scotland since 4 June 2024?”

RFI 4: “Across the last five financial years can you show how many 16- and 17-year-olds have been placed in a young offender’s institution in Scotland?”

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

RFI 1 Response: There are currently five 16- and 17-year-olds in SPS custody.

RFI 2 Response: There have been eight 16- and 17-year-olds placed in SPS custody since 4 June 2024.

RFI 3 Response: There have been no 16- and 17-year-olds moved from secure care to SPS custody since 4 June 2024.

RFI 4 Response: There have been 359 16- and 17-year-olds placed in SPS custody in the last five financial years.

The table below provides detail of the number of 16- and 17-year-olds in each financial year:

2019 – 2020	2020 – 2021	2021 – 2022	2022 – 2023	2023 – 2024
158	94	85	63	42

*Please note, the total number provided in the table is higher than 359 as our Prisoner Records system will ‘count’ an individual if they appear across more than one financial year.

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