



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ24127

16 September 2024

Dear

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

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: Please provide figures broken down by 2021/22, 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25 for a) acts of violence in the prison estate b) prisoner-on-prisoner acts of violence c) prisoner-on-staff acts of violence.

RFI 2: Broken down by every month since January 2024, how many prisoners have been placed on the 'Talk To Me' programme?

RFI 3: Broken down by every month since January 2024, how many prisoners have been held on Rule 95 conditions in cells out with Separation and Re-integration Units?

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

RFI 1 Response: Please see table below:

Incident Type	2021 – 22	2022 – 23	2023 – 24	2024-25 (end July)
Serious Prisoner on Staff Assaults	9	5	9	4
Minor & No Injury Prisoner on Staff Assaults	323	259	309	116
Serious Prisoner on Prisoner Assaults	108	92	114	22
Minor & No Injury Prisoner on Prisoner Assaults	1723	1402	1681	587

RFI 2 Response: Please see table below, however, please note that we only have verified data on Talk to Me up to July 2024:

Month	Individuals Placed on Talk to Me
Jan-24	282
Feb-24	342
Mar-24	344
Apr-24	357
May-24	354
Jun-24	270
Jul-24	321

RFI 3 Response: While we endeavour to provide information whenever possible, and we do hold the information that you have requested, in this instance the costs of locating, retrieving, and providing the information requested would exceed the upper cost limit set under section 12 of FOI(S)A. To clarify, to provide a response to your request for information in relation to how many prisoners have been held on Rule 95 conditions in cells out with Separation and Re-integration Units would require a manual check of all 12,318 instances of the use of Rule 95 in the period requested which would exceed the upper cost limit of £600 set by FOI(S)A.

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