



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ24141

3 October 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 5 September 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: “How many of the 477 prisoners released under the emergency early release scheme have been returned to custody?”

RFI 2: “What were the offences they went in for originally?”

RFI 3: “What offences have they been brought back in on?”

RFI 4: “Please provide the number of days between their release from prison and their return to the prison estate.”

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

RFI 1 – 4 Response: Section 25 of FOI(S)A exempts information from disclosure where the requester can reasonably obtain the information without asking for it under FOI(S)A.

The information requested is available on the SPS website and can be found using the link provided below:

[Data, Research and Evidence | Scottish Prison Service \(sps.gov.uk\)](https://www.sps.gov.uk/Data-Research-and-Evidence)

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