



**HEADQUARTERS**  
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**Our Ref:** HQ24150

11 October 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 13 September 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

For reference, you requested.

**RFI 1:** “Of the 477 prisoners released through the emergency early release scheme, how many of them had completed any form of rehabilitation during their time in prison?”

**RFI 2:** “If possible, can you detail what type of rehabilitation was received and how long that rehabilitation lasted?”

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

**RFI 1 & 2 Response:** While we endeavour to provide information whenever possible, and we do hold some of 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 of those released through the Emergency Early Release scheme had completed any form of rehabilitation during their time in prison, what type of rehabilitation, and how long that rehabilitation lasted would require the review of all records of the 477 individuals released under the scheme.

Rehabilitation within the custodial environment can involve engagement in a wide range of support and opportunities available to those in our care, such as work opportunities, attendance at education, engaging with addictions support or services, accessing chaplaincy support, engaging with peer support/peer tutors, and maintaining or re-establishing family contact among others.

A sample check was carried out, and this identified that it would take an average of 12 minutes to review each individual's record. This was calculated and revealed that to review all records would take over 95 hours, which at a cost of £15 per hour, totalled over £1,425, which is over the £600 threshold set under 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

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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

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