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Our Ref: HQ24203

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Dear

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

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: "Statistics on the total number of assaults recorded in each major prison in Scotland over the past [specify timeframe, e.g., three years]."

RFI 2: "Data detailing the number of incidents resulting in serious disfigurement or lasting injury in the same timeframe."

RFI 3: "Date precisely when HMP transferred control over to SPS in regards to Scotland and became regulated and/or funded by Scottish Prison Service. Furthermore to what extent the government of the United Kingdom is liable as a whole for SPS misconduct."

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

RFI 1 Response: Please see tables below:

Establishment	2021	
	Prisoner on Prisoner Assault	Prisoner on Staff Assault
HMP Addiewell	77	51
HMP Barlinnie	163	49
HMP Castle Huntly	1	0
HMP Cornton Vale	0	4
HMP Dumfries	8	6
HMP Edinburgh	81	29
HMP Glenochil	27	19
HMP & YOI Grampian	38	29
HMP Greenock	12	0
HMP Inverness	21	11
HMP Kilmarnock	52	32
HMP Low Moss	53	20
HMP Perth	75	29
HMP & YOI Polmont	248	43
HMP Shotts	28	12

2022		
Establishment	Prisoner on Prisoner Assault	Prisoner on Staff Assault
HMP Addiewell	116	44
HMP Barlinnie	117	30
HMP Castle Huntly	0	0
HMP Cornton Vale	2	9
HMP Dumfries	12	2
HMP Edinburgh	61	21
HMP Glenochil	12	6
HMP & YOI Grampian	37	19
HMP Greenock	16	9
HMP Inverness	15	5
HMP Kilmarnock	65	24
HMP Low Moss	54	10
HMP Perth	55	29
HMP & YOI Polmont	165	23
HMP Shotts	14	8

2023		
Establishment	Prisoner on Prisoner Assault	Prisoner on Staff Assault
HMP Addiewell	165	62
HMP Barlinnie	120	45
HMP Castle Huntly	0	0
HMP Cornton Vale	0	2
HMP Dumfries	10	5
HMP Edinburgh	94	21
HMP Glenochil	25	7
HMP & YOI Grampian	30	21
HMP Greenock	12	4
HMP Inverness	15	4
HMP Kilmarnock	83	38
HMP Low Moss	44	41
HMP Perth	88	21
HMP & YOI Polmont	98	18
HMP Shotts	31	12
HMP & YOI Stirling	6	17

2024 (up to 5 November 2024)		
Establishment	Prisoner on Prisoner Assault	Prisoner on Staff Assault
HMP Addiewell	139	34
HMP Barlinnie	87	51
HMP Castle Huntly	0	0
HMP Dumfries	16	6
HMP Edinburgh	125	21
HMP Glenochil	19	16
HMP & YOI Grampian	14	18
HMP Greenock	14	5
HMP Inverness	21	6
HMP Kilmarnock	96	27

HMP Low Moss	47	27
HMP Perth	92	12
HMP & YOI Polmont	120	23
HMP Shotts	34	19
HMP & YOI Stirling	4	22

RFI 2 Response: Under section 17 of FOI(S)A I can advise that the information you requested in relation to serious disfigurement or lasting injury is not held as SPS do not record incidents in that way. We record incidents of this nature as serious injury, minor injury and non-injury. In accordance with section 15 of FOI(S)A, in order to be helpful, the information we hold in that manner is provided below:

2021		
Establishment	Serious Injury Prisoner	Serious Injury Staff
HMP Addiewell	15	2
HMP Barlinnie	7	0
HMP Castle Huntly	1	0
HMP Cornton Vale	0	1
HMP Dumfries	0	0
HMP Edinburgh	17	2
HMP Glenochil	8	0
HMP & YOI Grampian	5	0
HMP Greenock	2	0
HMP Inverness	1	0
HMP Kilmarnock	3	0
HMP Low Moss	15	1
HMP Perth	14	2
HMP & YOI Polmont	12	2
HMP Shotts	10	0

2022		
Establishment	Serious Injury Prisoner	Serious Injury Staff
HMP Addiewell	29	1
HMP Barlinnie	6	1
HMP Castle Huntly	0	0
HMP Cornton Vale	0	0
HMP Dumfries	1	0
HMP Edinburgh	8	0
HMP Glenochil	2	1
HMP & YOI Grampian	3	0
HMP Greenock	0	0
HMP Inverness	0	0
HMP Kilmarnock	3	0
HMP Low Moss	12	1
HMP Perth	11	1
HMP & YOI Polmont	7	0
HMP Shotts	2	1

2023		
Establishment	Serious Injury Prisoner	Serious Injury Staff
HMP Addiewell	21	1
HMP Barlinnie	9	1
HMP Castle Huntly	0	0
HMP Cornton Vale	0	0
HMP Dumfries	1	0
HMP Edinburgh	10	1
HMP Glenochil	10	0
HMP & YOI Grampian	10	2
HMP Greenock	1	0
HMP Inverness	2	0
HMP Kilmarnock	7	0
HMP Low Moss	12	1
HMP Perth	13	2
HMP & YOI Polmont	2	0
HMP Shotts	12	1
HMP & YOI Stirling	0	0

2024 (up to 5 November 2024)		
Establishment	Serious Injury Prisoner	Serious Injury Staff
HMP Addiewell	15	1
HMP Barlinnie	4	4
HMP Castle Huntly	0	0
HMP Dumfries	1	0
HMP Edinburgh	12	1
HMP Glenochil	5	1
HMP & YOI Grampian	4	0
HMP Greenock	0	1
HMP Inverness	1	0
HMP Kilmarnock	3	1
HMP Low Moss	6	0
HMP Perth	6	0
HMP & YOI Polmont	10	2
HMP Shotts	13	0
HMP & YOI Stirling	0	0

RFI 3 Response: The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) is an Executive Agency of the Scottish Government and was first established in April 1993.

I have provided a link to the SPS Framework Document which outlines the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) relationship with the Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Government which outlines the broad basis on which SPS operates, setting out our vision and objectives, our accountabilities, our approach to our people and other organisational matters.

[SPS Collaborative Working Framework Document - July 2024.pdf](#)

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

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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

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