



HEADQUARTERS

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Our Ref: HQ25140

18 July 2025

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 19 June 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

RFI 1: “The total operational budget of Scottish Prison Service in the Financial Years a) 2022/23, b) 2023/24, and c) 2024/25.”

RFI 2: “The total headcount of Scottish Prison Service in the Financial Years a) 2022/23, b) 2023/24, and c) 2024/25.”

RFI 3: “The total FTE number of staff employed by Scottish Prison Service in the Financial Years a) 2022/23, b) 2023/24, and c) 2024/25.”

RFI 4: “The FTE number of staff in the Financial Year 2024/25 earning salaries over a) £50,000, b) £80,000 and c) £100,000.”

We have now completed our search for the information you requested and provide the undernoted response.

RFI 1 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 in relation the 2022/23 and 2023/24 budgets is publicly available in the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) Annual Report and Accounts on the SPS website:

[SPS Annual Report & Accounts 2022-23](#)

SPS Annual Report & Accounts 2023-24: [APPENDIX 15](#)

In relation to the 2024/25 budget, in this instance an exemption under section 27(1)(a)(i) of FOI(S)A applies as this information is intended for future publication within 12 weeks of receipt of your request.

RFI 2 & 3 Response: Please see table below:

| Year | Total headcount | FTE number of staff |
|---------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 2022/23 | 4562 | 4264 |
| 2023/24 | 4962 | 4394 |
| 2024/25 | 5035 | 4774 |

RFI 4 Response: Please see table below:

| Salary | FTE number of staff |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Over £50,000 | 362.2 |
| Over £80,000 | 27.3 |
| Over £100,000 | 6.3 |

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out 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 carried out, and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 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,

HR Data Analytics Manager