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Dear

Thank you for your request received by us on the 16 July 2026 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

For reference, you requested:

“Please provide the following information for each financial year from 2021-22 to 2025-26, together with any information held for 2026-27 up to the date of this request”:

RFI 1: “The total number of prison disciplinary rule breaches.”

RFI 2: “The total number of individual prisoners found guilty of at least one prison disciplinary offence.”

RFI 3: “The number of disciplinary rule breaches, broken down by prison.”

RFI 4: “The number of individual prisoners found guilty of at least one disciplinary offence, broken down by prison.”

RFI 5: “The ten highest individual totals of prison disciplinary offences recorded in each financial year (no personal information requested).”

RFI 6: “If possible, examples of breaches.”

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

RFI 1 & 3 Response: The table below provides data for both queries 1 and 3, broken down by financial year and establishment.

These figures show the total number of disciplinary rule breaches recorded by SPS regardless of the outcome of the disciplinary hearing.

As such, the figures include all recorded breaches and are not limited to cases where an individual was subsequently found guilty.

Data for 2026/27 is provided up to the date of your request:

Establishment/Year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Total
HMP Addiewell	2646	2893	4623	4631	3355	838	18986
HMP Barlinnie	2943	2399	3309	2252	2576	752	14231
Bella CCU	N/A	<5	8	15	20	<5	47
HMP Castle Huntly	156	75	121	90	76	51	569
HMP & YOI Cornton Vale	280	283	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	563
HMP Dumfries	569	711	643	525	397	101	2946
HMP Edinburgh	2585	2324	2823	2932	2766	1124	14554
HMP Glenochil	2138	1761	2317	2469	2399	625	11709
HMP & YOI Grampian	2277	2192	2103	2132	1835	527	11066
HMP Greenock	693	693	787	495	491	154	3313
HMP Inverness	763	561	601	447	292	106	2770
HMP Kilmarnock	1894	2563	3331	3312	1956	466	13522
Lilias CCU	N/A	<5	<5	18	13	<5	41
HMP Low Moss	2736	2857	3204	4311	3091	971	17170
HMP Perth	2131	1984	3364	3076	2843	669	14067
HMP & YOI Polmont	2452	1305	1505	2425	2233	458	10378
HMP Shotts	2026	1570	1780	2385	2068	499	10328
HMP & YOI Stirling	N/A	N/A	568	843	892	274	2577
Total	26289	24177	31090	32358	27303	7620	148837

Please note, N/A indicates that the establishment was not operational during the relevant financial year and therefore no data is available.

RFI 2 Response: The table below shows the number of individuals who were found guilty of at least one disciplinary offence during each financial year. Unlike the figures provided in response to queries 1 and 3, these figures are limited to cases where a guilty finding was recorded:

Year	Number of Individuals Found Guilty of at Least One Disciplinary Offence
2021/22	5861
2022/23	5680
2023/24	6323
2024/25	6296
2025/26	6039
2026/27	2960
Total	33159

RFI 4 Response: The table below shows the number of individuals who were found guilty of at least one disciplinary offence in each establishment during the specified financial years.

The figures may differ from those provided in response to RFI2 because individuals are counted once in each establishment where they were found guilty of a disciplinary offence. Therefore, if an individual was found guilty in more than one establishment during the period requested, they will be counted in each relevant establishment:

Establishment/Year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Total
HMP Addiewell	629	676	745	764	721	321	3856
HMP Barlinnie	1017	851	1044	858	932	384	5086
Bella CCU	N/A	<5	5	6	7	0	19
HMP Castle Huntly	71	36	62	45	44	27	285
HMP & YOI Cornton Vale	85	104	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	189
HMP Dumfries	143	161	157	149	113	49	772
HMP Edinburgh	688	675	704	675	642	341	3725
HMP Glenochil	527	483	479	517	504	235	2745
HMP & YOI Grampian	522	546	493	476	475	221	2733
HMP Greenock	181	186	207	154	187	66	981
HMP Inverness	140	141	154	118	112	43	708
HMP Kilmaronock	471	553	642	640	487	217	3010
Lilias CCU	N/A	<5	<5	8	6	<5	21
HMP Low Moss	794	703	747	875	764	376	4259
HMP Perth	615	578	712	678	691	291	3565
HMP & YOI Polmont	389	345	367	542	589	224	2456
HMP Shotts	402	374	352	408	382	182	2100
HMP & YOI Stirling	N/A	N/A	132	175	169	68	544
Total	6674	6414	7005	7088	6825	3048	37054

RFI 5 Response: The tables below show the ten highest numbers of disciplinary offences attributed to any individual in each financial year. No personal information identifying those individuals has been provided. The figures represent the number of disciplinary offences recorded against a single individual during the relevant financial year. Data for 2026/27 covers the period up to the date of your request and is therefore not directly comparable with the full-year figures provided for previous financial years:

2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
67	44	52	66	66	27
43	43	48	60	51	20
41	39	46	57	41	19
40	37	45	52	41	16
37	37	41	46	39	16
37	36	41	45	38	16
35	34	38	44	38	16
34	34	38	44	37	16
34	33	37	42	37	15
33	33	36	42	36	15

RFI 6 Response: By way of example, disciplinary offences may include assault, fighting, threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting behaviour, disobeying a lawful order, possession of prohibited articles, damage to prison property, unauthorised possession or use of substances, and escape or absconding.

These examples are not exhaustive. A full list of disciplinary offences is set out in Rule 110 (Breaches of Discipline) of Schedule 1 to the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011, which can be viewed online at:
[The Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Rules 2011](#)

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 would 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

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