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Our Ref: HQ26236

19 October 2026

Thank you for your request dated 21 September 2026 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

For reference, you requested:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, please can you provide the following information regarding the Scottish Prison Service's compliance with statutory maintenance and asset management requirements across all prisons under its responsibility.

RFI 1: The number of outstanding maintenance defects, categorised by prison establishment and risk level (high, medium, low), as of the date this request is received.

RFI 2: Details of any backlog maintenance programmes and the estimated value of deferred maintenance across the SPS estate.

RFI 3: Details of the processes used by SPS to monitor and assure compliance with maintenance regulations and statutory inspection schedules.

RFI 4: Details of the percentage of planned preventative maintenance tasks completed on time in each of the last five financial years.

RFI 5: Copies of any reports presented to senior management or the SPS Board during the last three years relating to maintenance compliance risks.

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

RFI 1 Response: The number of outstanding maintenance defects, categorised by prison establishment and risk level (high, medium, low), as of the 21 September 2026:

Site	High	Medium	Low	Total
HMP Barlinnie	4	40	34	78
Bella Centre (CCU)	0	2	3	5
HMP Castle Huntly	0	5	13	18
Central Stores	0	1	6	7
HMP Dumfries	1	25	87	113
HMP Edinburgh	0	103	310	413

HMP Glenochil	0	17	132	149
HMP & YOI Grampian	1	13	76	90
HMP Greenock	0	23	46	69
HMP Inverclyde	0	1	0	1
HMP Inverness	0	7	5	12
HMP Kilmarnock	0	1	7	8
Lilias Centre (CCU)	0	9	3	12
HMP Low Moss	0	42	32	74
HMP Perth	0	84	167	251
HMP & YOI Polmont	0	42	47	89
HMP Shotts	0	16	68	84
HMP & YOI Stirling	0	11	27	38
One Lochside (HQ)	0	0	2	2
SPS College	0	3	9	12
Total	**6**	**445**	**1074**	**1525**

RFI 2 Response: SPS does not hold recorded information identifying backlog maintenance programmes or the estimated value of deferred maintenance across the SPS estate.

While SPS holds information relating to individual maintenance activities and work orders, the information requested would require SPS to review a substantial number of individual records and create a new assessment in order to identify and quantify any backlog maintenance programme or deferred maintenance value.

FOISA provides a right of access to recorded information held by public authorities but does not require authorities to create new information in order to answer a request. Accordingly, in terms of section 17(1) of FOISA, SPS does not hold the information requested.

RFI 3 Response: Maintenance activities are completed through a combination of SPS maintenance teams, local contractors and national contractors. SPS uses a Computerised Maintenance Management System (CMMS) to manage and monitor maintenance workflows, with planned maintenance schedules aligned to SFG20 standards.

Compliance and assurance are monitored through a combination of local management quality checks, HQ management audits and contractor audits. Assurance is given through local managers completing quality checks (circa 20% of works), HQ management audits and contractor audits e.g. corgi technical service give assurance on Gas Management Plans and DSEAR R.A (Dangerous Substances Explosives Atmospheres Regulations).

RFI 4 Response:

Financial Year	PPM WOs Issued	Completed on Time	% Completed on Time
2021–2022	30,385	23,378	76.94%
2022–2023	33,276	24,543	73.76%
2023–2024	34,801	25,595	73.55%
2024–2025	37,212	27,309	73.39%
2025–2026	40,451	29,819	73.72%

RFI 5 Response: Following enquiries with the relevant business area, the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) does not hold any recorded information falling within the scope of your request. The SPS has established that no reports relating to maintenance compliance risks were presented to senior management or the SPS Board during the period specified in your request. In addition, Estates Board reports do not contain maintenance compliance risk updates, and no reports, papers or assessments of the type described in your request have been identified.

Accordingly, in terms of section 17(1) of FOISA, I must advise you that the SPS does not hold the information requested.

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 Adviser