HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ26262
By email:

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Dear

Thank you for your request dated 08 October 2026 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: The number of officers who have missed days of work, as well as the number of day missed, as a result of stress or for other mental health reasons, over the last five years - broken down whichever way is easiest with your records.

RFI 2: The target staffing levels of each prison in Scotland

RFI 3: The number of days in which each prison has been staffed below the target staffing levels.

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

RFI 1 Response: Please see the table below for the number of officers who recorded an absence as a result of stress or other mental health reasons, and the total number of days lost, during each of the last five financial years:

Financial Year	Number of Officers	Days Lost
2021/22	575	14,790
2022/23	613	20,485
2023/24	659	19,721
2024/25	687	20,468
2025/26	868	23,323

The number of officers represents the number of unique officers who recorded a relevant absence during each financial year.

RFI 2 Response: Please see the table below for the agreed staffing complement, expressed as full-time equivalent (FTE) posts, for each establishment during the requested period:

Establishment	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
HMP Barlinnie	488.4	488.4	490.4	490.4	490.41
Bella Centre (CCU)	N/A	34.8	34.8	34.75	33.74
HMP Castle Huntly	76.5	76.5	76.5	76.37	76.39

HMP & YOI Cornton Vale	121.6	121.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
HMP Dumfries	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.62
HMP Edinburgh	365.3	364.3	365.3	365.3	365.3
HMP Glenochil	312.2	312.2	314.2	314.39	312.37
HMP & YOI Grampian	240.8	240.8	241.8	242.6	242.64
HMP Greenock	151.5	151.5	153.08	153.08	153.08
HMP Inverness	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.25	90.25
HMP Kilmarnock	N/A	N/A	N/A	253.58	253.58
Lilias Centre (CCU)	N/A	34.8	34.8	34.75	33.74
HMP Low Moss	273.1	273.1	273.1	274.05	274.05
HMP Perth	277.4	277.4	279.4	280.85	276.92
HMP & YOI Polmont	328.8	328.8	328.8	328.65	328.68
HMP Shotts	282.2	282.2	283.2	283.8	283.75
HMP & YOI Stirling	N/A	N/A	178.6	178.54	178.57

Notes:

- The Bella and Lilias Community Custody Units opened during 2022/23.
- HMP & YOI Cornton Vale transitioned to HMP & YOI Stirling.
- HMP Kilmarnock transitioned to SPS during financial year 2024/25.

RFI 3 Response: Under section 17(1) of FOISA, I can advise that this information is not held by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS). SPS does not record the number of days on which each establishment has been staffed below the agreed staffing complement.

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