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Our Ref: HQ23226

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Dear

Thank you for your request dated 05 December 2023 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

For reference, you requested.

RFI 1: “What is the recorded levels of prisoner-on-prisoner violence in each of the past three financial years, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and so far in 2023? Can this be broken down by prison and by year?”

RFI 2: “What is the recorded levels of prisoner-on-staff violence over the past three financial years, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and so far in 2023? Can this be broken down by prison and by year?”

RFI 3: “What is the recorded levels of drugs (including legal highs) seized over the past three financial years, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and so far in 2023? Can this be broken down by different types of drugs?”

RFI 4: “How many drug overdoses have been recorded in prisons in each of the past five financial years, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and so far in 2023?”

RFI 5: “How many attempted suicides have been recorded in each of the past five financial years, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and so far in 2023?”

RFI 6: “How many incidents of self-harm have been recorded in each of the past five financial years, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and so far in 2023?”

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

RFI 1 & 2 Response: Please see tables below for the recorded levels of prisoner-on-prisoner, and prisoner-on-staff violence in each of the past three financial years, broken down by prison and by year:

2021-2022

Establishment	Prisoner on Prisoner Violence	Prisoner on Staff Violence
Addiewell	194	53
Barlinnie	320	41
Cornton Vale	0	4
Dumfries	15	6
Edinburgh	149	30
Glenochil	65	18
Grampian	73	28
Greenock	29	4
Inverness	43	13
Kilmarnock	113	28
Low Moss	151	17
Open Estate	1	0
Perth	151	32
Polmont	434	38
Shotts	68	13
Total	1806	325

2022-2023

Establishment	Prisoner on Prisoner Violence	Prisoner on Staff Violence
Addiewell	225	50
Barlinnie	232	36
Cornton Vale	4	10
Dumfries	20	2
Edinburgh	140	24
Glenochil	41	5
Grampian	73	20
Greenock	27	5
Inverness	31	5
Kilmarnock	122	29
Low Moss	154	16
Open Estate	0	0
Perth	115	26
Polmont	257	24
Shotts	37	9
Total	1478	261

2022-2023 (up to 05/12/2023)

Establishment	Prisoner on Prisoner Violence	Prisoner on Staff Violence
Addiewell	201	39
Barlinnie	201	31
Dumfries	17	5
Edinburgh	124	13
Glenochil	41	6
Grampian	55	15
Greenock	18	4
Inverness	14	0
Kilmarnock	95	26
Low Moss	101	28

Open Estate	0	0
Perth	119	17
Polmont	157	12
Shotts	39	7
Stirling	4	15
Total	1186	218

RFI 3 Response: Please see table below for the total number of drug recoveries over the past 3 financial years, 2021-22 to date.

With regards to drug types, we are unable to provide an accurate number of seizures due to the increase in poly-substance detections.

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
Found	594	612	588	1,794
In Mail	3,063	874	202	4,139
Medication	248	406	302	956
On Visitor	34	82	37	153
Perimeter Wall	153	194	124	471
Possession	408	314	316	1,038
Prisoners Property	599	746	352	1,697
Recovery	268	190	326	784
Search	222	108	78	408
Total	5,589	3,526	2,325	11,440

RFI 4 Response: Under section 17 of FOI(S)A I can advise that SPS do not hold this information. There is no confirmed recording process for drug overdose within our incident categories.

RFI 5 Response: Under section 17 of FOI(S)A I can advise that SPS do not hold information in relation to attempted suicide. Whilst we record all significant incidents, we deal with people with a wide range of presenting behaviours which may be open to interpretation in relation to self-harm and attempted suicide. It is not always clear what the intention or motivation is and individuals may not disclose the reason therefore we are unable to accurately record or classify attempted suicides.

RFI 6 Response: Please see table below the number of individuals who are recorded as having self-harmed, broken down by years from April 2019 to 2023 (as at 21/12/23).

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January		56	52	55	60
February		55	75	43	47
March		61	87	49	75
April	49	59	67	49	65
May	57	60	77	45	80
June	47	70	73	30	79

July	63	50	81	45	102
August	64	46	82	67	90
September	70	69	72	46	74
October	82	59	57	47	62
November	50	52	67	53	45
December	71	71	56	58	39

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