



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ23248

12th January 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 18th December 2023 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

For reference, you requested.

RFI 1: “Are you able to tell me how many babies/toddlers are currently with their mothers on a yearly basis?”

RFI 2: “Also, can you advise if you can help with the following statistic? It is taken from the Woman’s Justice Leadership Panel, found here:

“The Scottish Prison Service Survey 2019 found 61% of women in prison are mothers of children under the age of 18”

The source is said to be “17th Prisoner Survey 2019, Scottish Prison Service Survey (2019), accessed June 2023, 17th Prisoner Survey 2019 (sps.gov.uk)”. Can you tell me if this survey is still done and if there is an up to date statistic for how many females in custody have children under 18 (or 16 or any other age that is recorded).”

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

RFI 1 Response: We are unable to provide the specific information requested, however we can advise that at present there are no mothers and babies in custody and in the last 10 years we have had a total of 9 mothers and babies in both HMP YOI Grampian and HMP YOI Cornton Vale (HMP YOI Stirling).

RFI 2 Response: The SPS Prisoner Survey is currently being reviewed and developed for use in the next year, currently the 2019 survey is the most up to date survey completed prior to COVID-19. Therefore, we do not have an up-to-date statistic available since the 2019 survey was carried out.

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

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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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