



HEADQUARTERS
 One Lochside
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 EH12 9DJ

Our Ref: HQ24053

1 July 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 3 May 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: "Please provide the number of governor vetoes used for the mass release of prisoners during the covid pandemic. Please break this down by prison and prisoner conviction."

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

RFI 1 Response: This veto was applied 63 times during the Early Release arrangements as detailed below:

Establishment	Veto Applied
HMP Addiewell	9
HMP Barliinnie	15
HMP Cornton Vale	2
HMP Dumfries	1
HMP Edinburgh	1
HMP Glenochil	7
HMP Grampian	2
HMP Greenock	3
HMP Kilmarnock	13
HMP Low Moss	5
HMP Perth	3
HMP & YOI Polmont	2
Total	63

Under section 17 of FOI(S)A I can advise that the information in relation to the convictions of those the veto was applied to is not held.

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 Manager