



**HEADQUARTERS**  
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**Our Ref:** HQ24106

28 August 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 31 July 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

For reference, you requested:

“From 01 January 2020 – 25 July 2024”

**RFI 1:** “The number of prisoners who had died in prison custody in Scottish prisons”.

**RFI 2:** “The number of prisoners, from Scottish prisons, who have died in hospital”.

Information to be broken down for each prison in Scotland.

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

**RFI 1 & RFI 2 Response:** The table below provides figures for the number of people who died in prison custody from 1 January 2020 to 25 July 2024 where the location was either in prison or within a hospital or hospice setting.

The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) records all deaths in custody in calendar years and publishes this information on SPS’ external website. This information is available for the previous ten years and is updated on a quarterly basis by SPS [Death in custody | Scottish Prison Service \(sps.gov.uk\)](#)

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

Head of Health

Deaths in prison custody from 01 January 2020 to 25 July 2024					
Establishment and Location at time of Death	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>HMP Addiewell</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
Hospital / Hospice		2			5
Prison	3	4	2	6	3
<b>HMP Barlinnie</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
Hospital / Hospice	3	1	1	6	2
Prison	3	3	1	2	4
<b>HMP Cornton Vale</b>			<b>2</b>		
Hospital / Hospice			1		
Prison			1		
<b>HMP Dumfries</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		
Hospital / Hospice	1	2	1		
<b>HMP Edinburgh</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>
Hospital / Hospice	2	5	6	3	1
Prison		4	4	7	3
<b>HMP Glenochil</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
Hospital / Hospice		4	3	1	2
Prison	2	1	2		4
<b>HMP Grampian</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>3</b>
Hospital / Hospice	1	1			2
Prison		2	1		1
<b>HMP Greenock</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		
Hospital / Hospice			1		
Prison		2	1		
<b>HMP Inverness</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>2</b>
Hospital / Hospice					2
Prison		1			
<b>HMP Kilmarnock</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	
Hospital / Hospice	2	1	1	1	
Prison	3	3	2	2	
<b>HMP Low Moss</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Hospital / Hospice	3	1	3		1
Prison	3	1	5	2	3
<b>HMP Open Estate</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		
Hospital / Hospice		1	1		
Prison		1			
<b>HMP Perth</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
Hospital / Hospice	2	1	1	1	1
Prison	3	2	4	4	2
<b>HMP Shotts</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
Hospital / Hospice	2	3		1	
Prison	1	6	1	3	1
<b>HMYOI Polmont</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Hospital / Hospice			1		
Prison		1		1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>