



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ24129

17 September 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 20 August 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: "Can you outline the number of staff currently employed by the SPS?"

RFI 2: "Can you detail the number of staff employed in Scotland's prisons over the last 10 years (if possible broken into financial year)?"

RFI 3: "Currently how many, if any, SPS staff support GEOAmev or the transport of prisoners in Scotland?"

RFI 4: "How many, if any, SPS staff have supported GEOAmev or the transport of prisoners in Scotland since 2019 (if possible, please break this down into financial year)?"

RFI 5: "Since 1 January 2024 how much financial support has SPS provided to GEOAmev to help them recruit staff and how many staff members have GEOAmev recruited as a result?"

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

RFI 1 Response: At the time of your request SPS employed 5050 members of staff.

RFI 2 Response: Please see table below:

Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Staff	4628	4651	4568	4549	4477	4437	4507	4589	4562	4962

RFI 3, 4 & 5 Response: Under section 17 of FOI(S)A I can advise that SPS do not hold the information requested.

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