



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ24182

11 November 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 14 October 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: “Over the past 10 years how many assaults on prison staff or inmates by other prisoners have been recorded at HMP Barlinnie? (please could you break that down by year).”

RFI 2: “Over the past 10 years how many of those assaults were against female prison staff? (please could you break that down by year).”

RFI 3: “Over the past 10 years how many assaults against female prison staff have been recorded at all prisons in Scotland? (please could you break that down by prison and by year).”

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

RFI 1 Response: Please see table below: *2023/24 figures are for Apr 2023 – Sept 2024

HMP Barlinnie Prisoner on Staff Assault Incidents								
2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
22	34	32	46	55	46	53	51	26
HMP Barlinnie Prisoner on Prisoner Assault Incidents								
217	244	255	470	487	270	319	232	107

RFI 2 & 3 Response: While we endeavour to provide information whenever possible, and we do hold the information that you have requested, in this instance the costs of locating, retrieving, and providing the information requested would exceed the upper cost limit of £600 set under section 12 of FOI(S)A.

To clarify, to provide a response to your request for information in relation to the number of assaults against female prison staff would require the manual review of all 2,562 prisoner on staff assault incidents which occurred in the time period requested to identify if they were against female prison staff.

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