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Our Ref: HQ24278

By email: [REDACTED]

04 February 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request dated 07 January 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

For reference, you requested.

**RFI 1:** *“How many prisoners are awaiting Generic Programme Assessments (GPAs)?”*

**RFI 2:** *“How many prisoners are on the waiting list for courses?”*

**RFI 3:** *“How many Generic Programme Assessments occurred annually from 2019 to 2024?”*

**RFI 4:** *“How many prisoners annually from 2019-2024 had Generic Programme Assessments which resulted in their name added to the waiting list for courses?”*

**RFI 5:** *“How many prisoners were offered courses annually from 2019-2024?”*

**RFI 6:** *“During the years 2014-2024 what was the shortest and longest waiting time from a prisoner being put on the waiting list for Generic Programme Assessment and being offered a course?”*

**RFI 7:** *“Is every prisoner automatically added to the waiting list for Generic Programme Assessment? If not, why not?”*

**RFI 8:** *“What is the longest time a prisoner has remained on the course waiting list without ever being offered a course?”*

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

**RFI 1 Response:** Waiting lists are dynamic but at the time of this response there are 1022 prisoners on the waiting list for Generic Programmes Assessments across the prison estate.

**RFI 2 Response:** Waiting lists for offending behaviour programmes are dynamic but the table below outlines the current waiting lists as of 15:30 hours on 28 January 2025. This has been broken down into the different programmes as well as the waiting lists for different populations, where appropriate, and for those who it has been assessed require to access these on an individual basis

Offending Behaviour Programme	National Waiting List
Self Change Programme	125 (mainstream population) 155 (offence protection population) 37 (non-offence protection population) 21 (individual basis)
Moving Forward 2 Change	147 (offence protection population) 6 (individual basis)
Discovery	67 (mainstream population) 16 (protection population) 3 (individual basis)
Pathways	82 (mainstream population) 37 (protection population) 2 (individual basis)
Constructs	68 (mainstream population) 14 (protection population) 1 (individual basis)
Ultimate Self	12 (mainstream population) 6 (individual basis)
Youth Justice Programme	5 (mainstream population)

**RFI 3 Response:** Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you have requested is not held by the Scottish Prison Service.

**RFI 4 Response:** Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you have requested is not held by the Scottish Prison Service.

**RFI 5 Response:** Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you have requested is not held by the Scottish Prison Service. Data is only held in relation to the number of individuals who complete offending behaviour programmes, not the number who were offered these.

**RFI 6 Response:** Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you have requested is not held by the Scottish Prison Service.

**RFI 7 Response:** Individuals are not automatically added to the waiting list for Generic Programmes Assessment (GPA) but rather will be referred for this. A referral for GPA

assessment can be made by the individual themselves or from any staff member who believes the individual would benefit from this. This would ordinarily be by the individual's personal officer or by the Integrated Case Management (ICM) coordinator at the initial ICM case conference. Individuals need to have at least 12 months left to serve in custody to be eligible for a Generic Programmes Assessment.

**RFI 8 Response:** Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you have requested is not held by the Scottish Prison Service.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Welsh', written in a cursive style.

Wendy Welsh  
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