| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-2543Responded to: 29 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of closures of custody facilities at Greenock Police Station, for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

## For each closure of custody facilities at Greenock please provide:

## The duration of the closure (start and end dates)

## The reason for the closure.

Due to data retention policies, records for custody closures are not held by Police Scotland for the period before 18/07/14 and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

For all closures of custody facilities at Greenock Police Station for the period 18/07/14 to date, please see the table below.

| **First day of closure**  | **Last day of closure** | **Reason for closure** |
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| 30/03/15 | 02/04/15 | Significant staff absences  |
| 31/07/15 | 13/08/15 | Significant staff absences |
| 16/10/15 | 17/10/15 | Significant staff absences |
| 26/02/18  | 27/02/18 | Significant staff absences |
| 05/03/18 | 08/03/18 | Significant staff absences |
| 12/03/18  | 16/03/18 | Significant staff absences |
| 19/03/18  | 23/03/18 | Significant staff absences |
| 26/03/18  | 30/03/18 | Significant staff absences |
| 03/04/18  | 06/04/18 | Significant staff absences |
| 18/02/19  | 05/05/19 | Estate works  |
| 08/01/21  | 21/02/21 | Significant staff absences |
| 24/12/21  | 28/01/22 | Significant staff absences |
| 14/03/22  | 17/03/22 | Significant staff absences |
| 21/03/22  | 24/03/22 | Significant staff absences |
| 18/07/22  | 24/07/22 | Significant staff absences |
| 28/09/22  | 30/09/22 | Significant staff absences |
| 10/10/22  | 12/10/22 | Significant staff absences |
| 07/12/22  | 08/12/22 | Significant staff absences |
| 16/10/23  | 19/10/23 | Significant staff absences |
| 07/11/23  | 08/11/23 | Significant staff absences |
| 22/07/24  | 25/07/24 | Significant staff absences |
| 11/12/24  | 31/12/24 | Significant staff absences |
| 21/03/25  | 14/04/25 | Significant staff absences |
| 20/06/25  | 30/06/25 | Significant staff absences |
| 07/07/25  | 14/07/25 | Significant staff absences |
| 21/07/25  | 27/07/25 | Significant staff absences |

Any closure decisions are made in order to maintain the safety of our staff and of those in police custody.

Alternative arrangements to share custody suites were made. More recently this would be Clydebank and Govan but would also have included Paisley Custody when it was still operational.

## What were the additional costs incurred due to the closures (e.g., transportation to alternative custody facilities, overtime)?

There is no recording system in place to document any additional costs incurred due to the above closures as such the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.