| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0363  Responded to: 26 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Can you provide me with any statistics on the number of detainees detained in police custody centres located in the North East Scotland police division (Kittybrewster, Fraserburgh and Elgin) for the last 5 years, any statistics/data on the number of those detainees who required medical assessment/access to prescribed medication and data on the average length of time detainees in police custody centres in the North East Scotland police division spent in custody before being released, moved to court or prison?

I have included data at the bottom of this letter which provides the information requested above.

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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) 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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.

## Table 1 - A Division custodies - 1st January 2020 - 31st December 2024

| **Custody centre** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Banchory | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Banff | 56 | 23 | 18 | 5 | 2 |
| Elgin | 1055 | 1269 | 1102 | 1363 | 1545 |
| Ellon | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Forres | 1 | 0 | 76 | 0 | 0 |
| Fraserburgh | 744 | 1132 | 1295 | 1385 | 1400 |
| Huntly | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Inverurie | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kittybrewster | 6632 | 5221 | 5794 | 6009 | 6076 |
| Peterhead | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stonehaven | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

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## Table 2 - A Division custodies that required medical assessment or hospitalisation - 1st January 2020 – 31st December 2024

| **Custody centre** | **Medical type** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Elgin | Hospital | 149 | 162 | 83 | 128 | 91 |
| Elgin | Examination | 46 | 53 | 481 | 886 | 1047 |
| Forres | Hospital | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Fraserburgh | Hospital | 40 | 85 | 119 | 122 | 108 |
| Fraserburgh | Examination | 95 | 114 | 225 | 363 | 426 |
| Kittybrewster | Hospital | 353 | 364 | 402 | 358 | 379 |
| Kittybrewster | Examination | 304 | 300 | 440 | 437 | 345 |

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## Table 3 - A Division custodies - Average length of time (minutes) - 1st January 2020 – 31st December 2024

| **Custody centre** | **Disposal** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Banchory | Release on undertaking | - | - | 143.00 | - | - |
| Banchory | Release without charge | - | 128.8 | 87.0 | 77.0 | - |
| Banff | Release | 127.0 | - | 81.0 | 60.0 | - |
| Banff | Release on undertaking | 123.0 | 132.9 | 80.5 | - | 50.0 |
| Banff | Release – report to PF | 153.2 | 95.5 | 149.3 | 133.0 | - |
| Banff | Release without charge | 127.3 | 77.4 | 121.8 | 56.5 | 105.0 |
| Banff | Release youth justice referral | 113.0 | - | - | - | - |
| Elgin | Court | 1887.7 | 2023.7 | 2066.6 | 2108.4 | 2050.8 |
| Elgin | Other agency | - | - | 1207.0 | - | - |
| Elgin | Other force | - | - | 876.0 | 3085.0 | 1176.0 |
| Elgin | Prison | - | - | 321.0 | 514.0 | 1770.0 |
| Elgin | Release | 399.4 | 614.8 | 498.0 | 1021.0 | 615.4 |
| Elgin | Release – Investigative liberation | 629.8 | 485..9 | 586.9 | 454.3 | 425.7 |
| Elgin | Release – Release | 453.3 | 254.0 | 450.6 | 352.0 | 515.1 |
| Elgin | Release on instruction of PF | 120.0 | 926.0 | - | 3351.0 | 197.3 |
| Elgin | Release on undertaking | 387.7 | 361.2 | 466.3 | 467.1 | 437.8 |
| Elgin | Release – report to PF | 424.5 | 432.7 | 636.1 | 480.9 | 462.7 |
| Elgin | Release without charge | 264.2 | 181.7 | 251.7 | 235.4 | 251.5 |
| Elgin | Release – youth justice referral | 312.0 | 254.6 | 338.5 | 152.3 | 225.9 |
| Ellon | Release on undertaking | 53.0 | - | - | - | - |
| Forres | Release | - | - | 99.7 | - | - |
| Forres | Release on undertaking | 405.0 | - | 171.6 | - | - |
| Forres | Release – report to PF | - | - | 142.6 | - | - |
| Forres | Release without charge | - | - | 103.0 | - | - |
| Forres | Release – youth justice referral | - | - | 392.0 | - | - |
| Fraserburgh | Court | 2305.5 | 1866.5 | 2153.2 | 2466.0 | 2534.9 |
| Fraserburgh | Further detention under another enactment | - | - | - | 508.0 | - |
| Fraserburgh | Other agency | - | 305.0 | - | - | 848.0 |
| Fraserburgh | Other force | - | 2721.0 | 1874.5 | 1644.9 | 1304.5 |
| Fraserburgh | Prison | 231.0 | 441.7 | 86.5 | 519.5 | 918.0 |
| Fraserburgh | Release | - | 602.0 | 717.0 | 493.4 | 698.0 |
| Huntly | Release without charge | - | 54.0 | - | - | - |
| Inverurie | Release on undertaking | 80.0 | 110.0 | - | - | - |
| Kittybrewster | Court | 2486.6 | 2317.7 | 2375.7 | 2683.9 | 2245.1 |
| Kittybrewster | Other agency | - | 854.5 | - | 1615.0 | 1635.4 |
| Kittybrewster | Other force | - | - | 1363.0 | 1954.4 | 2097.1 |
| Kittybrewster | Prison | 3668.6 | 1573.0 | 864.4 | 543.7 | 889.6 |
| Kittybrewster | Release | 609.2 | 639.2 | 759.0 | 670.8 | 533.2 |
| Kittybrewster | Release – investigative liberation | 463.7 | 470.3 | 518.8 | 591.2 | 460.2 |
| Kittybrewster | Release | 293.3 | 256.1 | 343.6 | 424.1 | 510.6 |
| Kittybrewster | Release on instruction of PF | 1033.3 | - | 1181.0 | 1168.0 | 1860.0 |
| Kittybrewster | Release on payment of warrant | 239.0 | - | - | - | - |
| Kittybrewster | Release on undertaking | 454.9 | 415.4 | 417.8 | 428.0 | 402.0 |
| Kittybrewster | Release – report to PF | 435.3 | 451.1 | 385.5 | 442.1 | 435.5 |
| Kittybrewster | Release without charge | 286.2 | 281.4 | 253.9 | 260.3 | 249.1 |
| Kittybrewster | Release - youth justice referral | 582.7 | 220.9 | 249.4 | 252.2 | 391.7 |
| Peterhead | Release on undertaking | 155.0 | - | - | - | - |
| Peterhead | Release – report to PF | 155.9 | - | - | - | - |
| Peterhead | Release without charge | 132.8 | - | - | - | - |
| Peterhead | Release – youth justice referral | 111.0 | - | - | - | - |
| Stonehaven | Release | - | 165.0 | - | - | - |
| Stonehaven | Release without charge | - | - | 54.0 | 48.0 | - |

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Master record numbers where final disposal recorded.   
Time in custody is calculated from custody start date / time to disposal date / time in minutes.*