| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2563  Responded to: 7 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## (1) How many custody suites/cells do Police Scotland currently have?

There are 60 custody suites across Scotland with 866 cells between them.

## (2) How many new custody suites/cells were opened within the last five years?

No new custody suites or cells were opened in the last five years.

## (3) How many, if any, custody suites/cells were closed or stopped being used within the last five years?

7 custody suites were closed/decommissioned in the last five years.

## (4) If any custody suites/cells were closed or are now unused, where were they located?

## These custody suites were located in Arbroath, Stewart Street, Cathcart, Hamilton, East Kilbride, Lanark and Ayr.

## (5) In terms of the response to questions (3) and (4) could you explain why said suites/cells were closed or are now unused?

Arbroath - due to long term reductions in custody numbers, capacity was no longer required.

Stewart Street and Cathcart are now ancillary custody suites.

Hamilton and East Kilbride were handed over to Productions.

Lanark is no longer needed as now facilitated by Motherwell

Ayr is due for demolition due to asbestos and running costs.

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

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