

1 March 2019

Ref: HQ18284

Dear,

Thank you for your FOI request dated 3rd February 2019, under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This gives a statutory deadline for responding by 1 March 2019. For reference I have copied your request below. Your request was for;

Request for Information

1. How many drones or UAVs have been detected flying into Scottish prisons from 2016 to 2018, detailing prisons involved and dates;
2. Details of the content of each drone.

I have now completed my search for the information you request.

The tables attached in **Annex 1** provide a breakdown of incidents linked to drones or UAVs recorded on the SPS Prison Records System (PR2) from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 and their content.

I hope this fully answers your request, however if you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, Calton House, 5 Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh, EH12 9HW.

Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out, and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 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 faithfully

2016

Estab	Date	Detail	Recovery
HMP Perth	10/05/2016	Drone observed to be flying over establishment, before moving on.	Nil
HMP Inverness	18/05/2016	Drone and package recovered from establishment's grounds.	Drone and plastic bag containing: 2.5g Herbal Cannabis, 5.46g Cannabis Resin, 89.5 Benzodiazepine/Valium, 106 Anabolic Steroid Tablets.
HMP Grampian	05/06/2016	Drone observed to be flying in the vicinity of the establishment.	Nil
HMP Perth	30/06/2016	Drone observed to be flying in the vicinity of establishment.	Nil
HMP Polmont	09/07/2016	Drone recovered from establishment's Perimeter.	Drone
HMP Dumfries	09/08/2016	Drone observed to be flying over establishment, before moving on.	Nil
HMP Barlinnie	09/10/2016	Packages recovered in the grounds, CCTV reviewed and identified a drone in the area of the recovery.	2 packages contained; 4 x suboxone, 12 x diclofenac and 20 x fluoxetine.
HMP Polmont	05/12/2016	Drone observed to be flying over establishment before moving on.	Nil
HMP Perth	19/12/2016	Drone observed to be flying over establishment, before moving on.	Nil

2017

Estab	Date	Detail	Recovery
HMP Grampian	23/01/2017	Drone observed to be flying over establishment, before moving on.	Nil
HMP Barlinnie	27/02/2017	Drone observed to be flying over establishment, before moving on.	Nil
HMP Barlinnie	28/02/2017	Drone activity observed within establishment air space.	Nil

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Estab	Date	Detail	Recovery
HMP Inverness	11/03/2017	Police Scotland contacted establishment to state an individual had been detained after they were observed flying a drone over the establishment.	Nil
HMP Grampian	20/06/2017	Drone observed to be flying in the vicinity of the establishment.	Nil
HMP Dumfries	06/07/2017	Drone observed to be flying over establishment, before moving on.	Nil
HMP Barlinnie	02/09/2017	Drone activity observed within establishment air space.	Nil
HMP Barlinnie	12/09/2017	Drone recovered from the roof of the building.	Drone
HMP Perth	22/09/2017	Drone and package recovered within the grounds	Drone and package that contained; 5 mobile phones with chargers, 92 Etizolam tablets, 36 and a half Buprenorphine tablets, 2.4g Herbal Cannabis and 60.7g Cannabis resin.
HMP Perth	25/09/2017	Drone found within the grounds, CCTV reviewed to identify area it had been in and cells searches carried out.	Drone recovered. Package recovered from a cell search contained; 2 mobile telephone.
HMP Inverness	27/09/2017	Drone observed to be flying in the vicinity of the establishment, before moving on.	Nil
HMP Edinburgh	15/12/2017	Member of public contacted establishment and stated had observed an object believed to be a drone flying over establishment. CCTV reviewed and unidentified object spotted.	Nil

2018

Estab	Date	Detail	Recovery
HMP Perth	01/04/2018	Drone spotted on roof of building within perimeter.	T-Smart Drone
HMP Barlinnie	18/07/2018	Drone activity observed within establishment air space.	Nil
HMP Barlinnie	31/12/2018	Drone recovered within the grounds with 4 packages.	Drone with 4 packages recovered, contained; 2 torx wrenches and substance that tested inconclusive.