

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL
TRANSFORMING LIVES



SCOTTISH PRISON SERVICE

YOUNG WOMEN IN CUSTODY
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THE BACKGROUND OF YOUNG WOMEN IN CUSTODY

- Histories of mental ill health
 - Substance misuse
 - Dysfunctional family life
 - Physical, sexual and emotional abuse
 - Trauma
 - Poor educational attainment
 - Limited or no employment experience
 - Fractured relationships
 - Experience of social and economic deprivation
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CONVICTED FEMALE YOUNG OFFENDERS IN CUSTODY 26TH MAY 2015

Establishment	Age	Home Town/City	Home Area	First Time in Custody	Offence	Sentence		
						Years	Months	Days
Grampian	20	Aberdeen	Grampian Highland and Islands	N	Police And Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 S90(2)(A) Assault	2	8	0
					Assault to Severe Injury + Permanent Disfigurement Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012,S90(1)(a)			
Cornton Vale	18	Ardrossan	Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway	N	Criminal Justice And Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 S 38(1) Assault to Injury	1	4	0
					Assault			
					Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995,S27(1)(b) Assault			
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					Criminal Justice And Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 S 38(1) Assault to Injury			
Cornton Vale	20	Liverpool	Postcode outwith Scotland	N	Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995,S49(1) Misuse Of Drugs Act 1971 S4(3)(B) ENGLISH CHARGE	2	5	0
Cornton Vale	19	Dalry	Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway	N	Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995,S49(1) Criminal Justice And Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 S 38(1) Theft	2	1	0
					Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995,S52(1)&(3) Theft			
					Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995,S49(1)			
					Criminal Justice And Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 S 38(1)			
					Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995,S52(1)&(3) Assault to Severe Injury, Permanent Disfigurement			
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Grampian	20	Aberdeen	Grampian Highland and Islands	N	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009,S19 & 20 Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995,S27(1)(b) Wasting Police Time	2	4	0
					Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982,S52(1)(a)			
					Criminal Justice And Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 S 38(1)			
					Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982,S52(1)(b)			

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Cornton Vale	20	Kilwinning	Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway	N	Police (Scotland) Act 1967,S41(1)(a) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995,S27(1)(b) Attempt to Pervert the Course of Justice Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995,S47(1) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971,S5(2) Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995,S50A(1)(b)&(5) Police And Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 S90(2)(A)	1	7	0
Grampian	20	Isle Of Lewis	Grampian Highland and Islands	N	Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995,S27(1)(b) Emergency Workers (Scotland) Act 2005,S5(1) Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012,S90(1)(a) Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995,S52(1)&(3) Assault Emergency Workers (Scotland) Act 2005,S1(1) Theft by shoplifting Assault to Injury Criminal Justice And Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 S 38(1) Police And Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 S90(2)(A)	0	8	0
Grampian	18	Invergordon	Grampian Highland and Islands	N	Criminal Justice And Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 S 38(1) Assault Breach of the Peace	0	7	26
Cornton Vale	18	Glenrothes	Fife Clackmannanshire Falkirk Stirling	Y	Criminal Justice And Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 S 38(1) Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995,S52(1)&(3) Assault Assault To Injury & Robbery	2	10	0
Cornton Vale	20	Dundee	Angus Dundee City Perth and Kinross	Y	Assault to Injury	1	0	0
Cornton Vale	19	Burntisland	Fife Clackmannanshire Falkirk Stirling	Y	Theft	0	2	30
Grampian	18	Tain	Grampian Highland and Islands	Y	Contempt of Court Act 1981	0	0	14

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Grampian	19	Aberdeen	Grampian Highland and Islands	N	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971,S5(2)
					Misuse of Drugs Act 1971,S4(3)(b)
Grampian	19	Inverness	Grampian Highland and Islands	N	Assault
Cornton Vale	18	Edinburgh	Lothian and Borders	N	Communications Act 2003,S127(2)(b)
Cornton Vale	20	Abode	Postcode does not map to a CJA	Y	Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995,S27(1)(a)
					Assault + Robbery
					Theft by shoplifting

ETHOS AND CARE

- SPS Strategy for the Management of Women in Custody
 - Gender sensitivity and responsiveness
 - Trauma-informed care
 - Strengths, assets and desistance based approaches
 - Individually tailored, person-centred case management (strength and resilience monitor and 72 hour assessment)
 - Safety, respect and dignity
 - Nurturing the growth of self-esteem and self-confidence
 - An holistic approach
 - Carefully selected and trained staff
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DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES

- One to one Personal Officer support
 - Education, learning, drama, art and music
 - Vocational training and employment certification
 - Programmes and interventions
 - Healthcare – mental health, addictions, well-woman
 - Barnardo's, Youth Scotland, Caledonia Youth, Time for Change
 - Personal safety and relationships
 - Parenting and life skills
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ISSUES FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- Efficacy of programmes and interventions for young women in custody– what works?
 - Examples of effective prison/community/prison collaboration with proven results in reducing reoffending
 - Successful resettlement – how to ensure an effective and sustained community response?
 - Whether to separate young women (16-21 years) from adult women – pros and cons
 - Credible and effective alternatives to prison custody for young women
 - Best practice in terms of selection and training for staff working with young women in custody
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