

Our Ref: HQ 17158

29 November 2017

Dear

Thank you for your FOI request dated 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. For ease of reference I have copied your request below.

- 1) How many social media web pages being operated by prisoners have been closed down by the Scottish Prison Service in: 2014, 2015, 2016 and the year to date of 2017?

Having completed a search of our records I can confirm that the following number of Facebook accounts have been closed down by SPS:

Year	Number
2014	44
2015	25
2016	12
Jan 2017-up to 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017	24

For clarification the Scottish Prison Service only have a protocol with Facebook for accessing, reviewing and closing down accounts.

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 sincerely

Communications Manager

