

Our Ref: **FOI 15 128**

02 October 2015

Thank you for your request dated 04 September 2015 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

- The number of investigations launched into Facebook accounts being run from inside Scottish prisons.
- The number of investigations launched into Twitter accounts being run from inside Scottish prisons.
- The number of Mobile Phones seized from inmates in Scottish prisons in the last five years,

We have now completed our search for the information you have requested.

The SPS only has the ability to investigate and request removal of Facebook accounts that are proven to be accessed during a prisoner's period of incarceration. The SPS does not hold information in relation to Twitter accounts. The table below provides details of the number of Facebook investigations.

	Facebook Investigations				
	2015*	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Aberdeen</b>	CLOSED		15	2	2
<b>Addiewell</b>	4	6	5	30	20
<b>Barlinnie</b>	0	5	11	3	2
<b>Cornton Vale</b>	0	1	0	4	0
<b>Dumfries</b>	6	2	8	8	3
<b>Edinburgh</b>	3	6	8	17	14
<b>Glenochil</b>	2	3	3	13	9
<b>Grampian</b>	3	6			
<b>Greenock</b>	1	4	4	0	1
<b>Inverness</b>	0	1	1	2	1
<b>Kilmarnock</b>	1	3	3	7	2
<b>Low Moss</b>	0	3	6	2	CLOSED
<b>Open Estate</b>	0	4	4	3	11
<b>Perth</b>	4	5	11	5	5
<b>Peterhead</b>	CLOSED		3	6	0
<b>Polmont</b>	2	10	8	4	6
<b>Shotts</b>	4	8	27	26	15

\* Please note the figures for 2015 are up to and including August 2015

The table below provides the number of Mobile Telephone recoveries within Scottish Prisons;

	<b>Mobile Telephone Recoveries</b>				
	2015*	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Aberdeen</b>	CLOSED		12	37	142
<b>Addiewell</b>	9	25	38	38	55
<b>Barlinnie</b>	9	16	22	45	30
<b>Cornton Vale</b>	2	6	1	2	4
<b>Dumfries</b>	1	3	1	4	5
<b>Edinburgh</b>	39	38	52	89	127
<b>Glenochil</b>	20	44	29	44	61
<b>Grampian</b>	16	18			
<b>Greenock</b>	2	1	1	4	10
<b>Inverness</b>	0	4	2	9	4
<b>Kilmarnock</b>	6	14	20	34	33
<b>Low Moss</b>	15	1	15	8	CLOSED
<b>Open Estate</b>	5	19	17	38	44
<b>Perth</b>	11	28	18	12	27
<b>Peterhead</b>	CLOSED		6	27	0
<b>Polmont</b>	6	5	2	14	7
<b>Shotts</b>	29	72	65	52	42

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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,

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