



HEADQUARTERS
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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 03 July 2018 requesting statistics with regard to prisoners and dementia, which includes the following:

1. Does your organisation provide fresh and normal human dura or brain tissue for medical research purposes?
2. If so, how are these tissues sourced (e.g., from prisoners, probationers)?
3. Has your organisation ever provided fresh human cerebral or dural tissue to any third parties for scientific endeavours?

In response to your first, second and third queries, I can advise that SPS has never been involved in any of these procedures. I should point out that on 1 November 2011 responsibility and accountability for the provision of healthcare services to prisoners transferred from SPS to the National Health Service (NHS) and these services are now provided by the respective local Health Boards. As part of this transition, all prisoner Healthcare Records and associated medical & management information transferred from SPS to the NHS. You may therefore wish to approach local NHS Health Boards for this information.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right to request a review. Your request should be made within 40 working days of the date of receipt of this letter and we will reply within 20 working days of receiving your request. Under section 20(3)(c)(ii) of the Act your request should outline your reason for seeking a review. If you remain unsatisfied following an internal review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

If you require a review to be carried out, please write to the Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service, Calton House, 5 Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh, EH12 9HW. The review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision making process.

Yours sincerely

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