

Our Ref: **FOI HQ 16016**

13 May 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request dated 14 April 2016 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives us a statutory deadline for responding by 13 May 2015. For reference, I have copied your request below. You asked for;

- Details of all drugs which have been seized from inmates in the last three years, including the name of the drug and quantities found. It would also be useful to know where the drugs were found too, so in cell, on someone's body etc.
- Details of all drugs which have been seized in prison – but from visitors, staff or others – not including inmates, including whether the person was visiting (for example family, friend, lawyer – please state which), staff or other. Could you also provide the name of the drug and quantities found.

We have now completed our searches to find the information you requested.

We do endeavour to provide information whenever possible. However, in this instance the costs of locating, retrieving and providing the information requested would exceed the upper cost limit of £600. The SPS has 5626 incidents recorded on their Prisoner Records System. Therefore based on one individual searching 30 incidents per hour, at a cost of £15.00 per hour to provide the information you require this would cost approximately £2813. Under section 12 of FOISA public authorities are not required to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the upper cost limit, which is currently set at £600 by Regulations made under section 12.

However in the spirit of the act, I can provide details of suspected drug recoveries over the last 3 years, including those recoveries on visitors as well as a breakdown of suspected drug types and quantities over the last three years however I cannot differentiate between recoveries found on prisoners, in cells and other recoveries within the prison.

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

Head of Corporate Affairs

The table below illustrates the breakdown of total suspected drug recoveries over the last three years.

	2015-16 Other	2015-16 Visitors	2014-2015 Other	2014-2015 Visitors	2013-2014 Other	2013-2014 Visitors
Aberdeen					48	8
Addiewell	312	2	250	4	282	4
Barlinnie	221	1	246	6	312	10
Cornton Vale	96	6	102	7	61	7
Dumfries	40	11	33	7	25	3
Edinburgh	276	12	255	6	249	7
Glenochil	99	11	62	2	58	5
Grampian	75	7	68	6	2	1
Greenock	79	0	58	3	58	0
Inverness	61	2	52	0	38	0
Kilmarnock	173	7	190	1	240	10
Low Moss	151	5	112	2	192	5
Open Estate	81	0	42	0	34	0
Perth	136	13	120	11	109	6
Peterhead					18	1
Polmont	50	3	54	1	61	3
Shotts	141	7	83	1	84	2

Please note that establishments carry out presumptive testing on illicit articles recovered prior to issue to the Police to provide an indication of the substance found. All substances recovered are sent to the police for either further investigation or disposal as appropriate. The outcome of Police Investigations are seldom notified to the SPS. The numbers detailed below were compiled using the data we have using presumptive testing.

2015/16	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Barlinnie	34.55	6.29	367.34	15.7	951
Cornton Vale	0	0	0	0	219
Dumfries	5.1	0	0.4	0.5	94
Edinburgh	93.6	8.1	63	0.1	952
Grampian	70.1	13.2	1276.5	3	1226
Glenochil	218.9	9.9	79.4	8.8	540
Greenock	13	0	55.5	0	835
Inverness	2.43	0.97	30.91	3	977
Low Moss	136.7	4.6	505.1	0	2384
Open Estate	0	0	0	0	1665
Perth	106.5	0	220.1	0	408
Polmont	0	7	128.2	0	475
Shotts	136.9	5.2	1043.8	0	3900
Addiewell	43.38	1.2	81.46	0	2402
Kilmarnock	30.75	0	61.25	2.38	1425

2014/15	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Barlinnie	23.36	3	14.8	0	1942
Cornton Vale	3	0	0	0	330
Dumfries	0.1	0.9	4	0	189
Edinburgh	47.7	0	212.8	7	2081
Grampian	9	10	70	0	113
Glenochil	107.3	11.3	212.4	0.2	818
Greenock	0.5	0	45.5	0	462
Inverness	1.61	0	2.83	0	93
Low Moss	71	9.6	252.2	0	2202
Open Estate	0	0	0	0	1081
Perth	12.7	7.2	0.85	1	615
Polmont	0	25	98.7	2	298
Shotts	24	2	800.9	400	1391
Addiewell	58.39	2.9	37.69	0	1078
Kilmarnock	29.27	5.96	25.8	2.63	1058

2013/14	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Aberdeen	3	11	137	0	72
Addiewell	55.66	0	157.39	50	1755.1
Barlinnie	24.25	8.39	67.14	1	1362.25
Cornton Vale	2.3	1.2	11.1	0	470
Dumfries	0.6	0	1.3	0	204.5
Edinburgh	49	0	251	0	2561.5
Glenochil	169.3	14	141.7	0	1452.5
Greenock	25	0	54.88	0	838.5
Inverness	0	0	0.31	0.01	523.5
Low Moss	119.5	49.4	211.4	0	3926.5
Open Estate	0	0	13	0	518
Kilmarnock	122.42	10.56	45.28	1.57	1281
Perth	3.6	4.8	16.65	0	415.5
Peterhead	0	0	0	0	39
Polmont	6.5	7	576.5	10	386.5
Shotts	61	0	985	0	2178