

Our ref HQ 17209

18 January 2018

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 18 December 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding by 19 January 2018. For reference I have copied your request below. You asked for:

Request for Information

1. The number of prisoners at HMP Perth who have been caught with illegal drugs and mobile telephones inside the building from January to December 2016, 2015 and 2014.

I have now completed my search for the information you request.

We do endeavour to provide information where possible but on this occasion, I have concluded that in this instance the costs of locating, retrieving and attempting to provide the information requested would exceed the upper cost limit of £600. It is estimated that SPS holds details of more than 740 incidents. In order to provide the information you seek the authority would require to conduct a review of all of those incidents to search for and then extract the information you seek, should it be available. As explained previously, not all drug or mobile phone finds can be linked to a specific prisoner. 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.

The table below provides details on the number of drug and mobile phone incidents within HMP Perth for the calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

	2016	2015	2014
Drug Incidents	354	130	136
Mobile Telephone Incidents	79	26	23

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

Corporate Communications Manager
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