

Our Ref **HQ 17254**

16 March 2018

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 15 February 2018 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding by 16 March 2018. For reference I have copied your request below. You asked:

Request for Information

1. Can you tell me the number of drug finds in HMP Barlinnie for January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017?
2. Can you divide by the type of drugs found and the quantity overall?
3. Can you reveal how they were found via visitor searches or a specialist drug unit?

We have now completed our search for the information you request which is detailed below.

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.

**HMP Barlinnie Drug Recoveries 2017**

	<b>Heroin (grams)</b>	<b>Cocaine (grams)</b>	<b>Cannabis (grams)</b>	<b>Amphetamine (grams)</b>	<b>Misc Tablets (EA)</b>
<b>Total</b>	5.6	0.85	18.5	20.75	582.73

Recovery from Visitor            17  
 Remaining Recoveries            406

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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