

Our Ref: HQ 17267

27 March 2018

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, which was received on 1 March 2018. This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 29 March 2018 under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

You asked the following, and for ease of reference I have copied your original request for information (RFI) as follows.

Request for Information

RFI 1 – How many pregnant women have been in custody in each of the past 5 years?

RFI 2 – How many babies have been born while their mother was in custody in each of the past 5 years?

RFI 3 – How many specialist mother and baby units the Scottish prison service had available in each of the past 5 years and what has the occupancy rate been in each of these years.

RFI 4 – Does the Scottish prison service employ anyone with responsibility for or specifically hired for their experience with maternal and perinatal mental health.

RFI 5 – How many / what percentage pregnant women in prison were on sentences of less than i) 6 months and ii) 12 months in the past five years?

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

In response to **RFI 1**; having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS I can confirm the following for the past 5 completed calendar years.

Year	Number of Pregnant Women
2013	17
2014	28
2015	17
2016	24

2017	18
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In response to **RFI 2**; having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS I can confirm the following;

Year	Number of women who have given birth whilst serving a sentence in Scotland
2013	03
2014	10
2015	06
2016	06
2017	06

In response to **RFI 3**; having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS I can confirm that SPS has two specialist mother and baby units, one in HMP YOI Cornton Vale and one in HMP YOI Grampian. There is also a Community Integration Unit (CIU) in HMP YOI Grampian that has been used to facilitate a pregnant mother allowing access to essential community support specific to that individual.

Year	Number of Infants/Children resident in Mother and Baby unit – with mother (Nil Father)
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2013	0
2014	5
2015	0
2016	1
2017	2

In response to **RFI 4**; having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS I can confirm there is no information held by the SPS. Following the transfer of prisoner healthcare in 2011, the NHS are responsible for all prisoner healthcare, including maternity services and mental health. NHS Scotland may hold the information you request. Please note however that female prisoners are only supported by the following NHS health boards:

Forth Valley
 Lothian
 Grampian &
 Greater Glasgow & Clyde

In response to **RFI 5**; having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS I can confirm the following;

Year	Sentence Less than 6 Months	Sentence 6-12 Months
2013	03	03
2014	08	05
2015	06	06
2016	01	01
2017	03	01

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 our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain unsatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

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

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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