

Ref: HQ18235

5 December 2018

Dear,

Thank you for your request dated 6 November 2018 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding by 5 December 2018. For reference I have copied your request below. You asked;

Request for Information

RFI 1

How many substances seized in Scottish prisons have been identified by the Scottish Prison Service as New Psychoactive Substances (NPS, otherwise known as legal highs) since 2013. Please provide an annual breakdown for the above for 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 (calendar years are fine if that's easier) and a breakdown by prison;

RFI 2

Please provide the same for substances identified by the Scottish Prison Service as heroin, cocaine and cannabis.

I have now completed my search for the information you request, with the answers detailed below.

In response to **RFI 1** I can confirm that this information is not held by the authority. The Scottish Prison Service does not carry out analysis on substances found. All substances are passed to Police Scotland and SPS are not routinely updated with the outcome of any Police Scotland analysis.

Furthermore, the method of introduction of such items is always by subversive methods hiding the identity of the substance. As an example, intelligence received suggests the introduction via clothing & letters dipped in substances to avoid detection.

In response to **RFI 2**, the table attached in *Annex 1* provides a breakdown of recoveries recorded on SPS' electronic Prison Records System (PR2) for heroin, cocaine and cannabis over the timescales you request.

I hope this fully answers your request, however 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 faithfully

Scottish Prison Service Headquarters

Annex 1

	April 2013 - March 2014			April 2014 - March 2015			April 2015 - March 2016			April 2016 - March 2017			April 2017 - March 2018		
	Cannabis	Cocaine	Heroin	Cannabis	Cocaine	Heroin	Cannabis	Cocaine	Heroin	Cannabis	Cocaine	Heroin	Cannabis	Cocaine	Heroin
Aberdeen	137.00	11.00	3.00												
Addiewell	150.13	1.10	58.04	10.51	2.90	72.27	81.46	1.20	43.38	231.23	12.60	88.66	133.41	0.10	76.51
Barlinnie	67.14	7.99	24.05	101.30	3.80	23.06	367.34	6.29	34.55	81.23	25.05	29.93	11.52	1.26	10.33
Cornton Vale	11.10	1.20	2.30	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dumfries	1.30	0.00	0.60	9.30	1.60	0.10	0.40	0.00	4.10	8.42	1.20	1.70	13.50	0.00	0.00
Edinburgh	251.00	0.00	49.00	237.82	0.00	49.75	63.00	8.10	93.60	242.50	40.00	304.00	38.70	0.00	33.00
Glenochil	111.10	9.60	169.30	182.30	4.90	154.50	79.40	9.90	218.90	15.90	0.00	18.80	8.20	0.00	10.10
Grampian				125.50	13.00	12.00	1276.50	13.20	70.10	343.10	12.60	0.50	689.80	15.20	15.40
Greenock	54.88	0.00	24.80	33.40	0.00	0.30	55.50	0.00	13.00	15.60	1.50	39.20	68.00	0.00	2.30
Inverness	0.03	0.00	0.00	20.12	0.33	1.62	30.91	0.97	2.43	25.93	9.40	5.00	17.79	0.60	1.00
Kilmarnock	68.84	10.56	1227.74	18.33	4.86	41.57	61.25	0.00	30.75	584.23	2.23	31.59	50.00	40.93	11.23
Low Moss	210.80	49.40	117.60	259.70	0.00	43.20	505.10	4.60	136.70	303.72	0.01	72.21	155.90	7.90	48.40
Open Estate	13.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Perth	16.50	4.80	3.60	97.70	2.40	9.70	220.10	0.00	106.50	93.60	2.30	296.04	184.60	23.20	81.90
Peterhead	0.00	0.00	0.00												
Polmont	589.50	6.00	6.50	76.72	27.00	0.00	128.20	7.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	212.00	0.00	0.00
Shotts	1146.20	11.70	89.60	824.40	2.00	22.00	1093.10	7.20	137.40	434.10	0.00	12.80	691.17	51.53	31.80