

Our Reference: HQ19214

4 December 2019

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request of 11 November 2019 seeking a response to the following questions:

1. What does the Talk To Me (TTM) strategy entail?
2. How do prisoners get on to the programme?
3. Who delivers it to the prisoners?
4. When was it implemented?
5. What prompted the implementation of Talk To Me at HMP Perth?
6. How many prisoners at HMP Perth are currently benefitting from it?

In response to your first question, regarding [Talk To Me](#), I have provided a link to TTM on the SPS website.

In response to your second question, please see the link provided above.

In response to your third question, TTM is the suicide prevention strategy for those at risk of suicide in prisons. This is not a programme that would be delivered to those in custody.

In response to your fourth question, TTM was implemented on 05 December 2016

In response to your fifth question, the key aim of TTM is to assume a shared responsibility for the care of those 'at risk' of suicide; to work together to provide a person centred care pathway based on an individual's needs, strengths and assets and promote a supportive environment where people in our custody can ask for help.

In response to your sixth question, as at 12 November, there are 6 prisoners placed on TTM at HMP Perth.

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 you remain unsatisfied following an internal review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

If you require a review to be carried out, please write to the Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service, Calton House, 5 Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh, EH12 9HW. The review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision making process.

Yours sincerely,