

**Our Ref FOI 14277**

Head of Corporate Affairs

Dear [REDACTED]

20<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Thank you for your request dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). For reference, your request is detailed below.

- What steps the SPS are taking to implement the provisions of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014? For example, the provision of a named person for every young person in your care.

We received your request on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 - this gave a statutory deadline of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 for responding under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

We have now completed our search for the information you requested and our answer is detailed below.

#### **Named Person**

- The Scottish Prison Service has been working closely with Scottish Government colleagues to ensure effective implementation of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.
- In accordance with the legislation, the provision of a named person will apply to all young people in our care. SPS' responsibility will commence at the point a young person enters custody and will remain with SPS throughout their period imprisonment.
- We have already initiated the implementation of staff training on GIRFEC (Getting it Right for Every Child) and the role of the Named Person across the prison estate. Additional guidance for both SPS staff and young people in our care is currently under development.

#### **Corporate Parents/Looked after Children**

- In relation to our Corporate Parenting responsibilities the SPS have been working closely with Who Cares? Scotland, to develop and deliver a national corporate parenting training programme. The aim of the programme is to raise awareness about our responsibilities so we can improve the support we give to young people in our care. We continue to work with Who Cares? Scotland on further developing our Corporate Parenting Plan.

#### **Vision for Young People in Custody**

- In addition, our 'Vision for Young People in Custody' provides us with a framework to support young people in our care. This framework includes the effective management of the Child's Plan and the development of appropriate Quality Indicators which will

incorporate all relevant implications of the Act and will, once finalised, be used for self-evaluation and improvement.

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,

**Head of Corporate Affairs, Scottish Prison Service**