



HEADQUARTERS
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Head of Corporate Affairs

Our Ref FOI 14286

Dear [REDACTED],

9th April 2015

Thank you for your request dated the 11th March 2015 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). For reference, your request;

- the number of people who require carers / additional supports in Scottish prisons;
- are there any other associated costs that SPS has to incur to hold people with disabilities e.g. infrastructure, training, specialized equipment?
- do you have a yearly figure?

We received your request on the 11th February 2015 - this gave a statutory deadline of the 9th April 2015 for responding under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

We have now completed our search for the information you request, please see the following.

- We currently have three hundred and fifty-two prisoners over the age of sixty-five with the oldest being eighty-six. There are three hundred and sixty six prisoners who have self-declared as being disabled with a further eighty seven who choose not to declare although they have a healthcare marker linked to a disability. Reasonable adjustments will be considered for all disabled prisoners. However, as we mainstream our equalities, there is no information I can source for the costs of any reasonable adjustments for example alterations to toilets etc. We have fifty eight cells that are specifically designed and built for disabled prisoners across our estate.
- We have only three establishments who are accessing our social care contact to support three prisoners with high care needs. In the financial year 14/15 we spent over one hundred and sixteen thousand pounds on social care and a further five hundred and sixty five pounds on associated costs.
- The SPS is considering the Evaluation of High Care Needs across Scottish prisons [research findings](#) and is planning to commission a comprehensive social care needs assessment to accurately measure the prevalence of social care needs across the prison estate. The findings will enable SPS to consider how best to respond to the future management of prisoners with high care needs, whilst taking cognisance of the current prison estate configuration; projected increase in the older population; facilities design and capability, regime planning and collaborative working with partner organisations, including the newly formed Health and Social Care Partnerships.

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**