

**FOI HQ15076**

29 July 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request dated 1 July 2015 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). For reference I have copied your request below. You asked for;

- the number of new psychoactive substances seized from prisoners in cells over the past 3 years to date;
- the number of new psychoactive substances seized through preventative recovery over the past 3 years to date;
- where possible, the name of the new psychoactive substance seized both from cells and through preventative recovery; and
- the number of prisoners hospitalised or requiring medical attention following consumption of a new psychoactive substance over the past 3 years to date.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS), as current SPS drug testing equipment is unable to identify New Psychoactive Substances.

All drug recoveries in prisons are reported to Police Scotland, who may carry out testing to confirm/identify those substances recovered. They may be able to assist with your enquiry.

Please note that the responsibility and accountability for the delivery of prisoner health care services transferred from the SPS to NHS on 1 November 2011. A range of health and substance misuse services are now provided by local Health Boards which are broadly comparable to that available in the community.

I am sorry we are unable to fully assist with your enquiry. If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing 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

**Corporate Communications Manager**  
**Scottish Prison Service**