



HEADQUARTERS

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**Our Ref: HQ15109**

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015

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Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request, which was received on 5 August 2015. This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 under the terms of Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

For reference, you asked:

1. For the past three years, from August 2012 to 31st July 2015, both dates inclusive, the number of prisoners who have requested to move cell, broken down by prison.
2. For those requests, the reason behind the request to move cell (for example, disagreement with cell-mate, lack of light etc) in as much detail as possible
3. Whether the requests were successful or not.
4. What guidelines are in place to determine whether a prisoner should be allowed to change cell if requested?

We have now completed our search for the information you requested.

In response to questions 1-3, SPS does not hold this information.

In response to question 4, there are no guidelines in place with regards cell changes. Prisoners requesting a cell change would be a matter for the residential staff to manage. SPS do however undertake Cell Sharing Risk Assessments to determine whether it would be appropriate for individuals to share a cell.

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,

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