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Ref: FOI HQ15245

25 January 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, received on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

You asked the following, and for ease of reference I have copied your original questions as follows.

1. The number of known transgender (including transsexual, if recorded that way) individuals who have died whilst serving prison sentences in Scotland during the period January 2010- November 2015?
2. For each case of the death of a known transgender prisoner during this period, please supply the following (name, date of birth, cause of death, date of death, date of death was discovered if different, which prison they were in at time of death, and its category, the status and outcome of any inquest into their death, whether they were housed in the prison of their self-defined gender or their legally accepted gender, whether they had requested a transfer to a prison for their self-defined gender and the outcome of such a request?

We have now completed our search for information, and I can confirm there have been no deaths in any Scottish Prison of a transgender person during the dates requested.

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 our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain unsatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

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

Yours sincerely

Head of Corporate Affairs