

Our Ref: FOI HQ15258



12 February 2016

Dear 

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, which was received on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016. This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 12 February 2016 under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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

1. How many same sex marriages have taken place within the Scottish Prison estate since the law changed in December 2014?
2. What are the names of any individuals concerned?
3. The dates and venues of any such marriages?
4. How many requests have been received for any such marriages to take place?
5. Have any requests been refused? If so, on what grounds?
6. Are there are such marriages pending, if so, plesase give details?

I can confirm after a search of our records that there have been no same sex marriages that have taken place since the law changed in December 2014 in the Scottish Prison Service.

I can confirm after a search of our records that there are currently no applications from people in custody for a same sex marriage.

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.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Head of Corporate Affairs