

Our Ref **HQ16008**

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

3 May 2016

Thank you for your request dated 5 April 2016 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for (in relation to the Moving Forward Making Changes programme):

1. For clarity, is it possible to provide the number who started and also number who completed their agreed programme in the last financial year 2014-2015? Also, do you have the same statistics for the first three quarters of 2015-2016?

*Response: Please see below.*

	Number of prisoners starting MF/MC	Number of prisoner completions
2014-2015	77	62

	Number of prisoners starting MF/MC	Number of prisoner completions
First 3/4 of 2014-2015	60	48

2. Does the SPS have any outcome data you could provide? i.e., for each year, what is your success rate and how is this success measured?

*Response: SPS does not have any system in place at this time that would allow us to measure success for those post course prisoners who have completed MF/MC. Given the limited time the courses have been running, it is not possible to provide accurate information to formulate outcome data.*

3. Has the latest programme been accredited by anyone?

*Response: The current programme was accredited by the Scottish Advisory Panel for Rehabilitation (SAPOR) who are part of the Community Justice Services Division of the Scottish Government. Accreditation was received on June 19 2014.*

*The accreditation lasts for 5 years.*

4. If so, please provide the name of the accreditation body?

***Response: The current programme was accredited by the Scottish Advisory Panel for Rehabilitation (SAPOR) who are part of the Community Justice Services Division of the Scottish Government.***

5. If you have received interim accreditation have you been asked to provide outcome data?

***Response: We received partial accreditation subject to minor changes which were undertaken then received full accreditation. Given the limited time the courses have been running, it is not possible to provide accurate information to formulate outcome data.***

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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