

Head of Corporate Affairs

**Our Ref: HQ14222**

9<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, which was received on 9 December 2014. This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 12 January 2015 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. Our response is provided immediately following each question

- 1. Please provide me with the outward postal code (i.e. the first part of a UK postal code) of all children visiting Scottish prisons from 1 Jan 2014 to 9 Dec 2014. Note that this will mean an individual will not be identifiable. Please provide this outward postal code information for each prison, by month – and also indicate the gender of the child. Please provide this data in a spreadsheet.*

There have been 50228 Juvenile visitors to Scottish Prisons between 1 Jan 2014 to 9 Dec 2014. These are not individual instances but the total number of visits attended by a Juvenile visitor. Some visitors will have attended on multiple occasions.

The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) endeavour to provide information whenever possible. However, in this instance the information is not available in the Prisoner Records system. The system does not record the postal address of juvenile visitors, nor does it record the gender of any visitor.

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,

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