

Head of Corporate Affairs

**Our Ref FOI 14251**

Dear [REDACTED],

13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Thank you for your request dated the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

- the extent to which the prison authorities are aware of Islamic extremist contingencies amongst prisoners groups and the SPS strategy is in relation to dealing with extremist activity;
- the number of prisoners that have been identified as being involved in Islamic extremist contingencies across the SPS estate; and
- whether Scottish prisons with an extremist problem have different strategies depending on the prison or are there set guidelines in place that authorities must follow in regards to dealing with such prisoners.

We received your request on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015 - this gave a statutory deadline of the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 for responding under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

We have now completed our search for the information you request, please see the following.

- No prisoners have been highlighted as being connected to Islamic Extremism including being radicalised or at risk of radicalisation.
- The Scottish Prison Service work closely with Police Scotland in delivering training to prison staff to provide awareness on materials and behaviours that may be associated with extremism or radicalisation.

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,

**Head of Corporate Affairs**  
**Scottish Prison Service**