

Our Ref FOI 14270

Dear [REDACTED]

09th March 2015

Thank you for your request dated the 10th February 2015 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). For reference, your request is detailed below.

- “I would like to know how many members of Scottish Prison Service staff have taken time off work for symptoms related to passive smoking (i.e. asthma, bronchitis pneumonia, meningitis, lung cancer etc.) in the last 5 years. And when time off was taken for these reasons, what was the duration of their time off?”

We received your request on the 10th February 2015 - this gave a statutory deadline of the 10th March 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.

- Details regarding how any illnesses were contracted are not held by the Scottish Prison Service. The Authority is provided with a fitness for work note from the staff member detailing the reason for absence; this notification does not provide any detail in relation to how the illness may have been contracted, therefore, as this information is not held, Section 17 (1)(b) applies to this request.

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