



Ref: HQ 15274

26 February 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, which was received on 1 February 2016. This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 26 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. Please provide details on what adjustments, if any, are made to prisoners who are pregnant. Please outline any differences that may exist between different Scottish prisons.
2. Please provide details on how many women were pregnant while incarcerated in each Scottish prison in each year since 2012/13, and the year up to date
3. How many of these women were serving sentences that were (a) less than 6 months, (b) 6-12 months, (c) over 12 months.
4. Please provide the number of babies who were born to women incarcerated at the time of birth in each Scottish prison in each year since 2012/13, and the year up to date.

In response to **Question 1**; having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS I can confirm the following adjustments are made for prisoners who are pregnant.

- Individual multidisciplinary case management
- Residential location decisions.
- Dietary adjustments including the provision of extra milk each day.
- G4S escorting transport equipment adapted.

Additional information is provided in the attached document.

In response to **Questions 2, 3 & 4**; having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS we enclose the following information. As HMP Cornton Vale has by far the highest numbers, they have provided a separate detailed report which we hope you will find useful. It is included in one of the attachments to this letter HMP Grampian also has specially designed accommodation for Mothers and Babies however, has not yet been required to be occupied.

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,

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