



HEADQUARTERS  
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Our Ref: **FOI HQ15 293**  
28 March 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request dated 3 March 2016 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). For reference, I have copied your request below.

With regards to Perth and Castle Huntly prisons, for the last four years plus this year to date, please provide the following information:

- How many instances have people been caught trying to smuggle, or successfully smuggling, drugs into prison (please detail both successful and unsuccessful attempts)
- What was the method used to smuggle the drugs? How Many times were drones used?
- What type of drugs and what was the value/quantity of the drugs that were smuggled?
- Who was alleged to have been responsible for the smuggling (eg. Visitor to a prisoner, staff)?

We have now completed our search for the information you request, and a copy is enclosed.

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,

Corporate Communications Manager  
Scottish Prison Service

1. The table below illustrates the breakdown of total suspected drug recoveries within HMP Perth and HMP Open Estate (Castle Huntly) for the last 4 years, plus this year to date.

Establishment	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
HMP Perth	27	135	136	106	104
Open Estate	14	76	33	52	15

2. The tables below illustrates the method of introduction of suspected drug recoveries to HMP Perth and HMP Open Estate for the last 4 years, plus this year to date.

2016

Establishment	In Mail	Property	On Visitor	Admissions	Unknown
HMP Perth	4	2	5	0	16
Open Estate	0	0	0	0	14

2015

Establishment	In Mail	Property	On Visitor	Admissions	Unknown
HMP Perth	16	9	23	5	82
Open Estate	0	0	0	3	73

2014

Establishment	In Mail	Property	On Visitor	Admissions	Unknown
HMP Perth	43	3	19	4	67
Open Estate	0	0	0	2	31

2013

Establishment	In Mail	Property	On Visitor	Admissions	Unknown
HMP Perth	41	4	4	1	56
Open Estate	0	0	0	9	43

2012

Establishment	In Mail	Property	On Visitor	Drones	Admissions	Unknown
HMP Perth	27	2	5	0	6	64
Open Estate	1	0	0	0	1	13

3. Please note that establishments may carry out presumptive testing on illicit articles recovered prior to issue to the Police to provide an indication of the substance found. All substances recovered are sent to the police for either further investigation or disposal as appropriate. The outcome of Police Investigations are seldom notified to the SPS. The numbers detailed below were compiled using the data we have using presumptive testing.

2016	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Open Estate	0	0	0	0	252.5
Perth	14	0	0	0	108

2015	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Open Estate	0	0	0	0	1749
Perth	90.5	0	317.1	0	326

2014	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Open Estate	0	0	0	0	1146
Perth	12.7	7.2	0.85	1	641

2013	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Open Estate	0	0	25.5	0	655
Perth	2.2	0.8	32.1	0	119

2012	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Open Estate	1.2	0.4	14.8	0	2201
Perth	11.9	0.7	22.85	0	197.5

4. The tables below illustrate the person responsible for the introduction of suspected drug recoveries to HMP Perth and HMP Open Estate for the last 4 years, plus this year to date.

2016

Establishment	Prisoner	Member of Public	Unknown
HMP Perth	0	11	16
Open Estate	0	0	17

2015

Establishment	Prisoner	Member of Public	Unknown
HMP Perth	5	48	82
Open Estate	3	0	73

2014

Establishment	Prisoner	Member of Public	Unknown
HMP Perth	4	65	67
Open Estate	2	0	31

2013

Establishment	Prisoner	Member of Public	Unknown
HMP Perth	1	49	56
Open Estate	9	0	43

2012

Establishment	Prisoner	Member of Public	Unknown
HMP Perth	6	34	64
Open Estate	1	1	13