

## Freedom of Information Request FQ 15274 Response

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.

### **Response:**

**Mother and Baby Meetings:** The care and support of all pregnant women within the establishment is co-ordinated at a fortnightly Mother and Baby Meeting, which is comprised of a multi-disciplinary membership which includes Prison Based Social Work, NHS Representatives, NHS Midwife, Aberlour Child Development Worker and Residential First Line Management. These meetings allow multi-disciplinary discussions regarding individualised cases of each pregnant individual.

**Residential Location:** Pregnancy is taken into consideration when determining the residential location of an individual, and will be incorporated into a Cell Sharing Risk Assessment as appropriate. In addition to mainstream residential areas, pregnant mothers may be considered for the Mother and Baby Unit or the Mother and Baby Independent Living Unit. The Mother and Baby Unit and ILU are no-smoking residential areas.

**Birth Plans:** An individualised Birth Plan will be developed for all individuals who are expected to give birth whilst in the custody of the establishment.

**NHS Midwife:** All pregnant individuals within the establishment will be under the care and supervision of an NHS Midwife.

**Dietary Requirements:** The Catering Department are informed of all individuals who are pregnant, who will amend and supplement meals as appropriate in consideration of nutritional requirements.

**Aberlour Child Development Worker:** An Aberlour Child Development Worker is present within the establishment to provide support to women in both pregnancy and motherhood.

**Parenting Programme:** The Aberlour Child Development Worker provides a Parenting Programme to women during pregnancy and motherhood.

**Clothing:** All pregnant individuals are provided with additional clothing as required.

**'Mother and Baby Bags':** The establishment provides all pregnant individuals who are expected to give birth whilst in custody with an individual 'Mother and Baby Bag' which will accompany them to hospital. This bag will provide necessary clothing and provisions for both the mother and the child for the duration of the stay in hospital. This will include nightwear for the mother, and a plentiful supply of clothing, bathing and changing materials for the baby.

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.

### **Response:**

Year	Number of Pregnant Women in HMPYOI Cornton Vale
2012	34
2013	17

2014	26
2015	14
2016	06 (as at 22.02.16)

3. How many of these women were serving sentences that were (a) less than 6 months, (b) 6-12 months, (c) over 12 months.

**Response:**

Year	Sentence Less than 6 Months	Sentence 6-12 Months	Sentence Over 12 Months	Untried
2012	06	10	08	10
2013	03	03	01	10
2014	06	05	09	06
2015	05	05	02	02
2016	00	01	02	03

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.

**Response:**

Year	Number of Babies Born to women serving a custodial sentence in HMP & YOI Cornton Vale.
2012	10
2013	03
2014	10
2015	06
2016	01