

Addendum to the Independent Review by Professor Graham Towl

Purpose of Addendum

This addendum corrects factual inaccuracies identified in the published report. These amendments ensure accuracy regarding data sources and applicable legislation. They do not alter the substantive findings or recommendations of the review.

Note on Factual Accuracy

The corrections set out in this addendum reflect the factual inaccuracies identified by the Scottish Prisoner Service and Scottish Government justice Officials at the time of publication. We recognise the disclaimer on page 5 of the Independent Review, which states that any inaccuracies in the report are the responsibility of the reviewers.

1. Correction to Paragraph 224 (Page 81)

Original Text:

“One data set was provided to us by the SPS and Justice Analytical Services 42. This contained empirical and descriptive data on 240 self-inflicted deaths that had occurred between 2009 and 2025. We have referred to this data set as ‘SPS data’ throughout.”

Correction:

This is incorrect. *Justice Analytical Services (JAS) had no involvement with the TTM review team and did not share any data with them.* The dataset referred to was provided solely by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS). Data may have been used from published statistics.

Corrected text:

“One data set was provided to us by the SPS. This contained empirical and descriptive data on 240 self-inflicted deaths that had occurred between 2009 and 2025. We have referred to this data set as ‘SPS data’ throughout.”

2. Correction to Paragraph 262 (Page 105)

The report incorrectly cites the *Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1976* as the legislation governing Fatal Accident Inquiries (FAIs) into deaths in custody. This Act has been repealed.

Correct legislation:

Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016.

Purpose of Correction:

These corrections ensure the accuracy of references to data sources and applicable legislation. They do not alter the substantive findings or recommendations of the review.

3. Correction to Paragraph 364 (Page 154)

Original text:

“The contractual arrangements with NHS based practitioner psychologists could helpfully be clarified by the SPS, to determine (i) whether contracted work includes the provision of one-to-one therapeutic interventions with prisoners assessed as being at high risk of suicide and self-harm (ii) referral mechanisms if this is the case.”

Correction:

This statement is factually inaccurate. The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) does not contract the NHS for practitioner psychologists. Responsibility and accountability for the provision of healthcare services, including NHS psychological services, to prisoners in Scotland was transferred to NHS Health Boards in November 2011. NHS Health Boards are responsible for the employment and deployment of NHS psychologists any contractual arrangements are between NHS Health Boards and their staff, not with SPS.

Corrected text:

“Responsibility for the provision of practitioner psychologists in prisons lies with NHS Health Boards, not the SPS. Any arrangements for one-to-one therapeutic interventions or referral mechanisms are managed by NHS Health Boards as part of their statutory responsibility for healthcare in prisons.”

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