



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ25380

23 December 2025

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 25 November 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: "A list of unusual or improvised weapons confiscated in prisons in the last 12 months, with anonymised descriptions."

We have now completed our search for the information you requested.

RFI 1 Response: Due to the way incidents of this nature are recorded, we do not hold a list of unusual or improvised weapons with descriptive details. Therefore, under Section 17 of FOI(S)A can advise that we do not hold the specific information requested in the format described.

However, we can advise that a total of 712 improvised weapons were recovered during the last 12 months. These include items fashioned from everyday materials, but we do not hold further descriptive detail centrally.

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to conduct an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be conducted and should be made within forty working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within twenty 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

Freedom of Information Manager