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Enquiries to [REDACTED]
Email psd.foi@nhs.scot

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3447

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 5 August 2026 requesting the following information:

How many of the 17 prisons presently operating in Scotland have a dedicated mental health in-reach team, be it provided by the NHS or private sector?

After a search of our records Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland) can confirm that under the FOISA Section 17 exemption for "Information not held" that Public Services Delivery Scotland does not hold information on how many prison establishments have a dedicated mental health in-reach team.

The responsibility and accountability for the provision of health care services to prisoners transferred from the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) to the National Health Service (NHS) in November 2011.

Health care services in prisons are now provided by the respective local NHSScotland Health Boards. As part of this transition drug, alcohol and mental health services, and prison health management information records also transferred from SPS to the NHS.

The decision to transfer health services to NHS was taken in response to policies to reduce health inequalities and re-offending in Scotland as well as being in line with European and international standards for the healthcare of prisoners intended to ensure equity in healthcare.

Scottish Ministers approved the transfer in 2008 followed by the formation of a national programme board for prisoners' healthcare in 2009 and the passing of the legislative amendments by Scottish Parliament in 2010.

The NHS is a key partner of the SPS and work together through the National Prison Care Network and other joint prisons and health structures.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

The table below shows which health board has responsibility for each prison in Scotland.

NHSSCOTLAND HEALTH BOARD	PRISON
NHS Ayrshire and Arran	HMP Kilmarnock
NHS Dumfries and Galloway	HMP Dumfries
NHS Forth Valley	HMP Glenochil HMP & YOI Polmont HMP&YOI Stirling
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	HMP Barlinnie HMP Greenock Lilias Centre HMP Low Moss
NHS Grampian	HMP Grampian
NHS Highland	HMP Inverness
NHS Lanarkshire	HMP Shotts
NHS Lothian	HMP Addiewell HMP Edinburgh
NHS Tayside	Bella Centre HMP Castle Huntly HMP Perth

In order to obtain the information that you have requested we suggest that you contact each of the Health Boards directly using the email addresses listed below, as under the terms of FOISA we are unable to transfer this request on your behalf.

NHS Ayrshire & Arran	foi@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Dumfries & Galloway	dg.feedback2@nhs.scot
NHS Forth Valley	fv.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot
NHS Grampian	gram.foi@nhs.scot
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Highland	nhsh.foirequestshighland@nhs.scot
NHS Lanarkshire	foi@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Lothian	loth.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot
NHS Tayside	tay.foisa@nhs.scot

I hope that you will find this response helpful and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address psd.foi@nhs.scot

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request, you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the Associate Director Corporate Governance using the email address psd.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online Appeal form](#).

Yours sincerely,

