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Our Reference: FOI201704

16 June 2017

Dear XXXXXXX,

Request under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 24 May 2017, received by us on 24 May 2017. This gave a statutory deadline for responding of 22 June 2017 under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

In your request, you asked for;

- *Over the last 3 years how many incidents of vandalism were reported in HM Prison Bowhouse, Kilmarnock?*
- *Over the last 3 years how many unauthorised articles were found on prisoners possession? If you are able to break those figures down further into categories of drugs, knives, mobile devices and alcohol that would be beneficial?*
- *Over the last 3 years how many assaults took place on prison staff?*
- *How many prisoners are there in Bowhouse?*
- *How many prison officers work in Bowhouse?*
- *Does Bowhouse have a dedicated Throughcare Support Officer?*

After a search of our records, I can confirm that Serco Ltd holds records which show the information you requested.

In the period from 24 May 2014 to 23 May 2017, both dates included, there were 128 incidents which were marked as 'damage to prison property' or contained details of items being damaged.

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Over the same period detailed a variety of unauthorised articles were found in the possession of prisoners. These have been included in a table at Annex A and, where possible, have been broken down into categories in line with your request and our telephone conversation on 25 May 2017. Please note that, with the exception of fermenting liquid, this table does not show the number of incidents of items being found, but a count of those individual items.

In the same period there were a total of 25 assaults on Serco prison staff. Of these assaults, 19 resulted in no injury to the member of staff and 6 resulted in a minor injury. There were no serious assaults on staff.

On the date of your request, 24 May 2017, the prisoner population at HMP Kilmarnock was 503 and there were 161 Prisoner Custody Officer certificated staff.

HMP Kilmarnock does not have a dedicated Throughcare Support Officer, however does engage the services of Turning Point Scotland to fulfil this role.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right to request an internal review. Your request should be made within 40 working days of the date of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receiving your request.

Under section 20(3)(c)(ii) of the Act your request should outline your reason for seeking a review. If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner. You can also lodge an appeal online by going to www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal.

If you require an internal review to be carried out, please write to

The Director
HM Prison Kilmarnock
Mauchline Road
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The review will be undertaken by staff who were not involved in the original decision making process.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Hill
Head of Performance and Compliance

Annex A

Item Category	Item	Quantity
Personal Communication Device/Mobile Telephone, including component parts	Mobile Telephone	15
	Sim Card	5
	Charger/Modified Cable/Battery	9
Medications (Partial tablets have been recorded as 1 tablet)	Tablets/Capsules	2945
	Patches	4
	Liquid	42ml
Drugs	Heroin	89.74g
	Mephedrone	3g
	Cannabis	91.72g
	Amphetamine	Trace Amount
	Cocaine	1.08g
	MDMA	Trace Amount
	Unidentified/Other	13.06g
Fermenting Liquid/Suspected Fermenting Liquid (number of finds)	Fermenting Liquid	42
Weapons	Weapon	38

All medication found is prescribed within the prison by the NHS. Many of the medications recovered are permitted in the prisoners' possession when they are prescribed that medication by a medical practitioner and as such are not unauthorised items, however some may have been found to be in possession of a greater quantity than is usually permitted for that person and therefore the medication has been seized by staff.

The above figures include those items which were found in possession of prisoners on their admission to the prison, either from court of on transfer from another establishment.