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Our Reference: FOI201801

30 April 2017

Dear XXXXXX XXXXXX,

### **Request under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 25 April 2018, received by us on 25 April 2018. This gave a statutory deadline for responding of 28 May 2018 under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

In your request, you asked for;

- *The number of people on pharmacological medications (antidepressants, anti-psychotics etc.) in this prison.*
- *The number of people per age, gender, ethnicity and census locality on pharmacological medications in this prison.*
- *The number of specialised psychiatric doctors, clinicians and therapists employed and working in your prison in each year stated.*
- *The aftercare received by exiting prisoners in relation to their mental health.*

You have requested this information for the years of 2013 to 2017, and request that any results are provided in Microsoft Excel format (.xls).

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act does not require a public body to comply with a request if that public body does not hold the information requested. In accordance with section 17 of the Act I hereby give notice that the information you require is not held by Serco in relation to its operation of HMP Kilmarnock.

By way of an explanation as to why we do not hold the information you have requested, it should be noted that in 2011 the responsibility for the provision of healthcare services, including mental health support, within Scottish prisons fell under the remit of the National Health Service. Medication is issued directly to the prisoners by NHS nurses, with some medication being kept in the possession of the prisoner.

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Whilst our staff assist the NHS in this process, no lists or records of those prisoners who are issued with medication are kept by Serco staff.

Additionally, the NHS are responsible for the appropriate staffing of their function including the provision of psychiatric doctors and mental health nurses.

We would therefore advise that you contact NHS Ayrshire and Arran on 01563 826112 or [foi@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk), or you can write to them at

Freedom of Information Officer  
14 Lister Street  
University Hospital Crosshouse  
Kilmarnock  
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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](http://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,

**William Menzies**  
Assistant Director