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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1) When did the Scottish Government know that NHS Grampian and other Scottish healthcare trusts do not have controlled drugs licenses for over a decade, and NHS Grampian also did not have one for HMP Grampian for at least 6 years. Yet still gave prisoners access to methadone?

## 2) Why does NHS Grampian not audit their controlled held drugs in police custody? Is this a Scottish Act of Parliament.

## 3) Why does the Scottish Government allow NHS Grampian to store Dihydrocodeine in police custody and give it without consent, or prescriptions to detainees. 4) Which authorities are responsible for monitor and enforcing controlled drugs licenses. Why were the missing licenses not identified. 5) Why does the Scottish Government allow controlled drugs accountable officers (CDAOs) in NHS Grampian and other Scottish healthcare trusts not set up local intelligence networks ( LINs) in the regions. Does Scotland have an exemption from these regulations. 6) Why does Police Scotland believes that the role of controlled drugs liaison officers are not statutory despite:

## Why, does Police Scotland believe it is exempt from the regulations.

## 7) Who is responsible for establishing LINs and how often should they meet.

## 8) Is the CDLO an important element in the LIN.

## 9) Why did  Police Scotland tell SPICe, that they had an unofficial CDLO (DS Craig Bookless) who has since taken up another position, but Police Scotland are looking to create a CDLO soon. What is the Scottish Government view of the status of CDLOs do they exist or not, are the voluntary or official post.

Issues concerning controlled drugs are the responsibility of the NHS health care, not Police Scotland.

As such, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

You may wish to direct questions to them directly at [Freedom of Information (FOI) | NHS inform](https://www.nhsinform.scot/freedom-of-information-foi)

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

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