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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

I believe that Elgin is and was a Constable lead custody suite, I may be wrong

I can confirm that Elgin is PC led. This means experienced Constables are located in the Custody Centre, along with police staff. Whilst they are based in Elgin, they have 24/7 remote supervision from a Sergeant. This is a model used successfully in a number of areas of the country.

Who is the Inspector for Custody Healthcare (North)

The current post holder is Inspector Laura Burns.

Can Police Scotland confirm that no service review has been issued

As of 20 September 2022, Police Scotland has received 1 service review from staff in relation to the provision of NHS healthcare at Elgin Custody Centre since it re-opened following refurbishment. This was submitted on 13th September 2022. There are 9 different categories for service reviews:

- Non-attendance of healthcare professional (HCP)
- Unnecessary delay in HCP attending
- No HCP available
- Medication issues
- Training Issues
- Mental Health
- Scottish Ambulance Service
- Accident and Emergency
- Other

The service review received related to the 'Other' category. This service review was particularly unusual as it highlighted an issue which is now being explored at a national level with all health boards.

Would Police Scotland confirm that the service provided is now 24/7 and problem free, and that all detainees requiring the legally prescribed medication methadone,

instead of the unlicensed unlabelled drug dihydrocodeine, a drug known to cause seizures and issued without consent.

NHS Grampian provide 24/7 custody healthcare cover to Elgin Custody Centre. As stated above, one service review has been received relating to custody healthcare provision since the centre re-opened following refurbishment in earlier this year. In line with national practice, where any NHS custody healthcare service issues are identified, these are raised with the relevant health board. The NHS have responsibility for healthcare provision to persons in police custody including the prescribing and administration of all medication. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland. You may wish to contact NHS Grampian.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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