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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0515
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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.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, what is your documentation system when custody staff give dihydrocodeine to detainees in NHS Grampian healthcare area, especially relating to heroin addicts.

Who custody staff give it on NHS Grampian advice as a substitute for methadone, do you follow : [link provided by applicant]

This is a legal requirement so your custody staff are required to get informed consent and also receive documentation from NHS Grampian to administer dihydrocodeine unlicensed.

Having considered your request in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I must advise you that section 17 of the Act applies and the information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

Medical provision for prisoners is the responsibility of National Health Service (NHS) Scotland.

The management of all medication given to an individual whilst in police custody is the responsibility of the NHS Healthcare Professional.

As such, any decision relating to medication provided to persons in custody in the Grampian area will be made by NHS Grampian.

If you have questions regarding NHS Grampian procedures and adherence to same then I suggest you contact them directly as they will be best placed to answer.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.

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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.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.