| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2673  Responded to: 15 September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1) Do you allow detainees sent directly to court to collect and take any of their own prescribed medications including controlled drugs with them.**

Any prescribed medication a person in custody comes in with will be sent to Court as part of their property.  If they come into custody with their own medication, this will be used whilst the person remains in custody and any leftover will be kept in their property to go to court.  However, if the person comes in with Methadone any leftover would be kept by the NHS to ensure there is no possibility of an overdose once out of custody.

**2) If not, where are these confiscated medications kept, who controls the legally prescribed controlled drugs once confiscated.**

If a person’s prescribed medication is confiscated this is dealt with by the NHS.  A Controlled Drug officer (NHS) will destroy the medication.  This is recorded and disposed of as per NHS Policy.  If the medication is not prescribed to the person and this cannot be ascertained the drugs would be given to the police who would seize as a production.

**3) Who checks these drugs, is it Police Scotland custody staff or NHS Grampian clinical staff.**

NHS Staff

**4) is their a register of these drugs and are they check at the start and ending of shifts.**

**5) Since 2014 have these controlled drugs been kept in controlled drugs licensed premises.**

**6) where the medications kept in secure lockers, and who held the key.**

**7) How many keys are held**

In response to questions 4-7, I can advise the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To assist, I can advise that you may wish to direct your FOI to the NHS.

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible.   
If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.