| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1144  Responded to: 30 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act, the requests are in regard to controlled drugs (CD) belonging to detainees, and held by custody staff and handled by custody staff. (which has been prescribed for personal use of detainees.)The requests are national wide, but especially Elgin, Fraserburgh and Kittybrewster custody suite.

## Who is the Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer (CDAO).

## *The Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management of Use) Regulations 2013* specify who may be appointed as a Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer (CDAO). The Regulations state that the CDAO must be a “fit, proper and suitably experienced person” who does not routinely supply, administer, or dispose of CDs as part of their duties.

## What type of cabinet is the CD kept in and is it lockable.

## Who controls the key.

## Who physically dispenses the medication and who countersigns the issue and in

## which register is it documented in.

## Who reconciles the CD at the end of each shift and how are discrepancies documented.

## Who preforms the annual audit on each custody suite, and where is it documented.

## Do Police Scotland follow Home Office regulations on CD, and how is it documented.

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

NHS Health Boards are the primary agency responsible for the provision of Health Care within Police Custody Suites.

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.

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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.