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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0439  
Date: 11 March 2022



## **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.

**[link provided by applicant] Do either NHS Grampian, use this procedure for each detainee in Police Scotland custody before changing their prescribed treatment from methadone to unlicensed dihydrocodeine.**

**Do Police Scotland follow the regulations for giving unlicensed dihydrocodeine to detainees including getting consent.**

Having considered this part of 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.

**Can you confirm your staff know that dihydrocodeine causes seizures in heroin addicts.**

Having considered this request in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, it is my assessment that you are not requesting access to recorded information and therefore the request itself may not be valid in terms of section 8 of the Act.

We are unable to comment on what police officers/ staff may 'know' or 'not know'.

I would reiterate that medical provision for prisoners is the responsibility of National Health Service (NHS) Scotland.

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

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.