

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) 2002

Thank you for your email, dated 24 April, where you requested information through the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please find below responses to the questions you raised.

I am interested in the information provided to prisons and other secure facilities in Scotland to ensure they are able to provide appropriate access to treatment and care to those they are responsible for with inherited bleeding disorders such as haemophilia a, haemophilia b, von Willebrands, other clotting factor deficiencies, or platelet disorders.

Specifically, what information is provided to,

- a) Prisons and offender institutions including for those on remand,
- b) to facilities for those detained under the mental health act, within the territory of your health board?

Response

For NHS Dumfries and Galloway, for admissions from the prison community - nursing staff take a full medical history from the prisoner and record all information in central computer medical records. We would make contact with community GP and note any treatments in place. An appointment with prison GP would be made if required and any treatments from this consultation would be carried out by nursing staff - referral to secondary care would be arranged as necessary.

Transfers from other prisons - Any treatments / conditions are on the central computer medical records and nurse to nurse transfer forms accompany the prisoner. Appointment with prison GP is made as required and any treatments identified will be carried out by nursing staff. Referral to secondary care is made if necessary.

Newly diagnosed cases - Prison GP will assess the prisoner and develop a treatment plan and refer to specialist care.

Following all secondary care appointments with specialist staff clinic letters are sent back to prison GP with all relevant information on treatment and further appointments as necessary.

HMP Dumfries is the only secure facility in Dumfries and Galloway.

Under section 20 (1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Dumfries and Galloway has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request, and you have a right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

A request for review must be made within forty working days from 07 May 2019 and should, in the first instance, be in writing to Jeff Ace, Chief Executive, NHS Dumfries and Galloway, Ground Floor North, Mountainhall Treatment Centre, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4AP or by e-mail to dg.feedback@nhs.net You must provide your name, an address for correspondence, details of your original request and why you want a review.

If our decision is unchanged following review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you have the right to make a formal appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. Requests for appeal should be made in writing to the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610, fax 01334 464611 or email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer