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Our Ref: 16:103

Date: 28 April 2016

Dear,

**FOI Case No. 16:103**

Thank you for your Email of 07 April which was treated as a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

**For the years 2015 and 2014 please detail all contraband confiscated in your prisons.**

**Please include information on which prison the item was recovered in, how it was discovered and when, and a description of what the item was.**

Please see tables below Confiscated items for each Establishment for 2014 and 2015.

## Maghaberry

NATURE OF FIND	2014	2015
Alcohol	13	24
Allen key		
Blades/knives	36	14
CD's/DVD's/tapes/videos		
Cash		
Cigarettes/lighters/tobacco		
Cleaning materials		
Clothing		
Information technology equipment		
Documents/letters	1	2
Drug related items		
Drugs/tablets	228	131
Electrical wires/batteries		
Excess bedding/towels		
Excess crockery/cutlery		
Excess/broken furniture		
Excess handicrafts		
Excess rubbish		
Food		
Furniture polish		
Games console/digi box		
Games console accessories		
Homemade tools/weapons		
Improvised gym equipment		
Improvised smoking device		
Inappropriate posters/material		
Make-up/toiletries/air fresheners		
Mirror/glass		
Mobile phone/charger	14	43
Photographs/pictures		
Radio/stereo		
Screwdriver		
SIM card	1	5
TV/TV aerial		
Unknown substance/liquid	35	33
OTHER	1365	1020
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1693</b>	<b>1272</b>

These figures relate to the number of finds rather than the quantity of items confiscated.

## Magilligan

NATURE OF FIND	2014	2015
Alcohol	15	10
Allen key		
Blades/knives		
CD's/DVD's/tapes/videos		
Cash		1
Cigarettes/lighters/tobacco		
Cleaning materials		
Clothing		
Information technology equipment		1
Documents/letters	3	11
Drug related items		
Drugs/tablets	160	142
Electrical wires/batteries		
Excess bedding/towels		
Excess crockery/cutlery		
Excess/broken furniture		
Excess handicrafts		
Excess rubbish		
Food		
Furniture polish		
Games console/digi box		
Games console accessories		
Homemade tools/weapons	4	5
Improvised gym equipment		
Improvised smoking device		
Inappropriate posters/material		
Make-up/toiletries/air fresheners		
Mirror/glass		
Mobile phone/charger	42	37
Photographs/pictures		
Radio/stereo		
Screwdriver		
SIM card	9	3
TV/TV aerial		
Unknown substance/liquid	27	48
OTHER	244	207
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>465</b>

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## Hydebank Wood

<b>NATURE OF FIND</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Alcohol	3	7
Allen key		
Blades/knives	1	
CD's/DVD's/tapes/videos		
Cash		
Cigarettes/lighters/tobacco		
Cleaning materials		
Clothing		
Information technology equipment		
Documents/letters	1	5
Drug related items	201	156
Drugs/tablets	121	72
Electrical wires/batteries		
Excess bedding/towels		
Excess crockery/cutlery		
Excess/broken furniture		
Excess handicrafts		
Excess rubbish		
Food		
Furniture polish		
Games console/digi box		
Games console accessories		
Homemade tools/weapons		2
Improvised gym equipment		
Improvised smoking device		
Inappropriate posters/material		
Make-up/toiletries/air fresheners		
Mirror/glass		
Mobile phone/charger	4	4
Photographs/pictures		
Radio/stereo		
Screwdriver		
SIM card	1	
TV/TV aerial		
Unknown substance/liquid		
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>338</b>

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I can confirm that the Northern Ireland Prison Service may hold information that falls within the description specified in the further part your request. However, the NIPS have estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 1/2 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, the department is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to respond to your request (see Section 12(1)).

However, we are still happy to do so if you pay the fee as set out in this notice. The estimated cost of processing your request is approximately £32,052.00. This charge has been calculated in accordance with Section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Freedom of Information Fees Regulations. An explanation of why it will cost so much to retrieve the information is contained below at Annex A.

The department will be unable to continue processing your request until the fee is paid. If you wish the department to continue to deal with your request you should pay the fee requested within 3 calendar months. If the department does not receive payment of the fee by this date, I shall take it that you do not wish to pursue this request and will consider the request closed.

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Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out.

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: <https://ico.org.uk/>

If you wish to discuss this please contact the Records and Information Management Team using the contact details provided at the top of the first page. Please remember to quote your reference in any correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

## ***Records & Information Management Team***

### **Annex A**

To provide this information would require a member of staff checking and categorising 15385 data entries.

In order to do this it would take on average a total of 5 minute for every individual entry to be identified, retrieved and read, meaning that we could get 12 processed in an hour.

I estimate that this would take a member of staff, as a minimum, 1282.08 hours. This is a disproportionate resource requirement as set down at Section 12 of the legislation.

At a cost of £25.00 per hour this would total approximately £32,052.00.