



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ23291

5 March 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 6 February 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: “How many prisoners are employed at the Fauldhouse factory site?”

RFI 2: “How do prisoners become eligible for work placement at the site?”

RFI 3: “What is the annual turnover in terms of both external and internal sales? Previous reports have stated that there were sales of approx. £1million for external and internal sales.”

RFI 4: “What additional security measures are in place – are prisoners being transported in and out of the work site on a daily basis?”

RFI 5: “Are prisoners paid for the work they do for SPS Industries?”

RFI 6: “Are there any case studies involving prisoners who have learned new carpentry skills, for example, and then gone on to achieve success within that field upon their release?”

We have now completed our search for the information you requested.

RFI 1 Response: SPS Fauldhouse is not a factory site, it is a multi-purpose site incorporating SPS Industries, the SPS central warehouse and distribution site, and the SPS National Training Centre.

Based in Fauldhouse, SPS Industries are responsible for the design, purchase of materials for manufacturing, marketing and sale and transportation of a range of quality garden products.

These products, or components of products, are produced within SPS establishment workshops, where we provide opportunities for people in our care to gain valuable social skills and realistic work skills to enhance their employability prospects.

SPS Industries participates in the Community Work Placement programme for suitable candidates from those in our care and engages one or two work placements at a time. However, there are currently no placements participating at present.

SPS recognises that purposeful activities of a work nature are a fundamental part of the rehabilitation process.

RFI 2 Response: Those in our care will only access Community Work Placements following assessment and approval by the local Risk Management Team (RMT).

RFI 3 Response: Please see table below:

| | Financial Years | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Year 2015/16 | Year 2016/17 | Year 2017/18 | Year 2018/19 | Year 2019/20 | Year 2020/21 | Year 2021/22 |
| Sales Income | £1,003,465.38 | £1,034,076.20 | £782,156.75 | £951,092.16 | £814,242.17 | £883,382.94 | £359,574.26 |
| Internal Income | £186,652.50 | £206,046.96 | £170,702.38 | £274,242.75 | £375,834.17 | £249,704.21 | £460,294.16 |

For reference, production at Fauldhouse ceased during the Covid pandemic.

RFI 4 Response: SPS Intelligence Management Units and/or Police Scotland will approve and authorise all work placements premises, prior to commencement of any placements.

Each establishment will provide appropriate arrangements to transport prisoners to and from the Community Work Placement premises.

RFI 5 Response: Those in our care are paid a wage in line with the SPS Wages Policy.

RFI 6 Response: Community Work Placements provide an opportunity for those in our care to develop skills which can help them find employment upon liberation. However, SPS does not hold information about individuals' employment once they have left our care.

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to conduct an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be conducted and should be made within forty working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within twenty working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager