

Petitioner submission of 31 May 2023

PE1900/Q: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody

When the His Majesty's Inspectorate Prisons for Scotland visited the Prison during 2014-2015, the NHS Grampian Controlled Drugs Team were also present and they were aware of the missing licence then. This was on the 30th November - 8 December 2014. **At the time of inspection, the NHS Grampian Controlled Drugs team visited and identified that there were some training issues.** Yet did not apply for a licence and did not receive one till December 2022, so we have a conundrum?

Either NHS Grampian illegally give prisoners in HMP and YOI Grampian, both those on remand and custody, methadone. Alternatively, they had a workaround? In which case they could have used this workaround for detainees in Police custody. So why was Dihydrocodine exclusively given to detainees.

NHS Grampian should recognise that detainees in police custody have the right to informed consent as defined in Montgomery v Lanarkshire and send the Advanced Nurse Practitioner custody suite located at Grays Hospital or a Doctor from GMED as per the agreement made.

Sadly the Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy needs to investigate all prisons for drug controlled licences.