

Petitioner submission of 23 November 2022

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

Thank you, I watch you today vindicate my view that Dihydrocodeine was an unlicensed unlabelled drug, which should not be given en masse to detainees by medically unqualified police custody staff. That means by simple extrapolation, since 2014 when NHS Grampian took over Healthcare thousands of detainees have been unlawfully medicated without consent.

In Elgin custody suite, 2100 detainees per annum average, of these 45% will be addicts, my source is: https://www.policecare.scot.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/SM_Literature_Review-Final.pdf

Total over 8 years =
18000 Kittybrewster
7560 Fraserburgh
7560 Elgin
Total = 33120 Detainee

So committee, since 2014 in Elgin alone approximately 7560 detainees have been inappropriately medicated by medically unqualified police custody staff, frightening isn't it.

That is an enormous abuse of human rights, yet Police Scotland refuse to investigate discrimination in their establishments by NHS Grampian. This crime is verging on a hate crime.

Committee, in a sea of apathy, you and Richard Lochhead MSP are a beacon of truth and honesty.