

**Subject:** Access to closed prison records (HH21/26/1).

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**Date responded:** 16 March 2020

**Information requested:**

Access to prisoner records concerning Henry Peter Coyle, who was a prisoner in Peterhead prison from the 19 March 1921 to the 13 February 1922.

**NRS Response:**

National Records of Scotland (NRS) holds only the following prison record in relation to Henry Peter Coyle:

HH21/26/1, page 6 – Prison registers, Peterhead prison, 1919-1945

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on this file by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS). As a result of this review, SPS decided to release the information requested in full, as a transcription, below. The reason for providing this information in the form of transcription is that it appears in register which contains sensitive data of other individuals who are presumed to still be living.

An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) applies to the information of these other individuals as disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

The following is an accurate transcription from the Register of criminal prisoners, Peterhead prison, 1919-1945 (HH21/26/1, page 6):

Entry on page 6:

Received - Edinburgh, 23.3.1921,

Number - 3027,

Name - Henry Peter Coyle,

Religion - R.C.,

Age - 24,

Convicted - Edinburgh, 19.3.21,

Crime - Conspiracy (2 charges),

Sentence - 5 years,

Eligible for remission by scale - 18.12.24,

Occupation - Farmer,

Removed of discharged to Glasgow - 13.2.22,

Remarks- S for S.

For information NRS holds the High Court and Crown Office papers for the original court case. These records are also closed for public access due to data protection reason so to access them another FOI request would have to be submitted. The records would have to be assessed next by the Scottish Court and Tribunals Services (SCTS), as they are depositor and the data controller of this information and make all decision on access.