

Subject: Request for access to the Criminal Lunatics' Register for the years 1888 to 1892 held under reference number HH18/170.

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Information requested:

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NRS Response:

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on this file by the Scottish Prisons Service (SPS). SPS have decided to make the register publicly accessible for the years 1888 to 1939 inclusive. This has been implemented with the theory that all patients were aged 21 or over on the date of their admission.

All of the information requested is available in digital form at National Records of Scotland.

This can be viewed in the Historical Search Room at General Register House, 2 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3YY. Further information is available on our website at: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/visit-us/historical-search-room>.

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide information if it is already reasonably accessible by inspection or copying, even if a payment has to be made for it.