

Penrose Inquiry
SNBTS Blood Collection 1975 – 1991

The following is the SNBTS corporate response to further questions on this topic posed by Gregor Mair in his E-Mails to Susan Murray on 5 January 2011.

1. Who would be the most appropriate witness to speak to the document?

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2. From which penal institutions in each region were donations collected?

Please see table attached (Prisons in each Scottish Blood transfusion Region visited by SNBTS).

3. Were donations from penal institutions put to any particular use or did they simply form part of the general pool?

All donations collected from penal institutions were treated in exactly the same way as donations from any other donor session and formed part of the general donor pool.

4. Were donations from penal institutions sent to the Protein Fractionation Centre (PFC) for the manufacture of blood products?

Yes. As donations from penal institutions formed part of the general pool, they were treated in the same manner as all other donations and were sent to the PFC for processing.

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Also on 5 January 2011 Gregor Mair wrote 'it would be very helpful if Table 2 of the SNBTS response could be expanded to show the number of donations in the years 1971 to 1974 inclusive'.

Table 2 of the SNBTS response, sent to the Penrose Inquiry on 20 December 2010, has been expanded to include the data for 1971 to 1974 that are available. An updated version of this table is attached (Table 2: Donations collected in each Scottish RTC 1971-1991).

This table has been expanded to include donations collected in the years 1971 to 1974 inclusive, where these figures are available. No donation numbers are available from the South East RTC (Edinburgh) for 1971 to 1974 and the total number of donations collected in the North East RTC (Aberdeen) in 1971 is also not available.

Consequently we are not able to present the total number of Scottish donations for this period.

The total number of donations collected in penal institutions (excluding prison donation numbers from Inverness RTC) has been updated to include the total number of donations from 1974, but the numbers of donations collected in penal institutions during the years 1971 to 1973 inclusive for the West RTC, the East RTC and the NE RTC are not available. For clarity an updated version of Table 1 of the SNBTS response, sent to the Penrose Inquiry on 20 December 2010, (titled Table 1: Donations collected at Penal Institutes in each Scottish RTC 1971-1984) is attached.

Prisons in each Scottish Blood Transfusion Region visited by SNBTS

Region	Prisons visited by SNBTS in 1970s and 1980s
West of Scotland	Low Moss
	Glenochil
	Shotts
	Barlinnie
	Dungavel
	Longriggend
	Maxwelton
	Polmont
South East of Scotland	Saughton
East of Scotland	Perth
	Friarton
	Castle Huntley
	Noranside
North East of Scotland	Craiginchies
	Peterhead
North	Porterfield

Table 2: Donations collected in each Scottish RTC 1971-1991

Year	Total Number of Donations in each region					Total Scottish Donations	Total Prison Donations*	Prison Donations (% Total)
	Edinburgh	Aberdeen	Inverness	Glasgow	Dundee			
1971	n/a	n/a	8500	107251	24654	n/a	n/a	n/a
1972	n/a	21156	9000	107462	25258	n/a	n/a	n/a
1973	n/a	21960	9500	107249	26207	n/a	n/a	n/a
1974	n/a	22612	10000	113312	27551	n/a	5125	n/a
1975	59326	23,364	10,482	124,701	30,685	248558	5,915	2.38
1976	62239	27,125	10,632	130,022	32,531	262549	2,633	1.00
1977	69878	29,089	11,505	133,736	33,564	277772	2,710	0.98
1978	75302	29,841	12,697	133,203	32,263	283306	3,436	1.21
1979	77318	30,565	13,701	135,831	32,663	290078	4,371	1.51
1980	75639	32,252	14,033	135,008	32,392	289324	3,064	1.06
1981	74537	33,434	14,388	139,546	31,596	293501	3,360	1.14
1982	73985	34,803	15,256	142,056	31,751	297851	2,356	0.79
1983	74146	34,373	16,226	145,944	31,544	302233	3,120	1.03
1984	81232	33,863	14,539	148,909	30,074	308617	342	0.11
1985	83224	31,183	15,274	147,955	27,278	304914	0	0
1986	84992	32,582	16,163	148,791	27,220	309748	0	0
1987	75839	32,731	15,322	136,477	28,637	289006	0	0
1988	81765	34,023	17,663	148,296	29,038	310785	0	0
1989	88278	34,371	18,812	148,100	32,027	321588	0	0
1990	86869	35,047	20,942	155,534	33,587	331979	0	0
1991	91221	35,980	22,862	173,793	34,503	358359	0	0

* Excluding Prison Donations from Inverness RTC. Collections from each region are shown in Table 1, updated to include figures from 1971 to 1974 where available

Table 1: Donations collected at Penal Institutes in each Scottish RTC 1971-1984

Year	Region				
	West RTC	South East RTC	East RTC	North East RTC	North RTC*
1971	n/a	1126	n/a	n/a	
1972	n/a	902	n/a	n/a	
1973	n/a	875	n/a	n/a	
1974	2716	973	905	531	
1975	3,532	807	952	624	
1976	501	792	780	560	
1977	1,462	264	886	98	
1978	1,929	151	840	516	
1979	2,516	689	716	450	
1980	1,920	283	770	91	
1981	2,274	203	609	274	
1982	1,526	0	543	287	
1983	2,622	0	322	176	
1984	342	0	0	0	

* From 1971 to 1983 NRTC visited 1 prison, Inverness (Porterfield) Prison. Donation numbers are not available