



AGENCY TRANSPARENCY PLAN UPDATE

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DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED SINCE 2021

Incarcerated Individual Mortality Reports – Following receipt of its Medical Review Board’s (MRB) report of the cause and circumstances surrounding the death of an incarcerated individual, the Commission commonly delivers a final report to the correctional facility administration and other relevant officials, specifying recommendations and required action to prevent the recurrence of any such death. Often requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), the Commission has prospectively published every such report on its [public webpage](#), with appropriate redactions to protect medical, mental health, and other confidential information.

HALT and MAT Annual Reports – Recent legislation requires SCOC to issue an annual public report to the Governor and the Legislature with respect to the compliance of local correctional facilities with the Humane Alternatives to Long-Term Solitary Confinement (HALT) Act and legislation requiring the provision of medication assisted treatment to the incarcerated population. SCOC has published such annual reports on its [public webpage](#).

Open Data NY – SCOC continues to fully comply with Executive Order 8.95, “Using Technology to Promote Transparency, Improve Government Performance and Enhance Citizen Engagement,” by providing relevant collected data, primarily with respect to the incarcerated populations of local correctional facilities, for inclusion in the [State’s initiative](#).

INITIATIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2024

Monthly Jail Grievance Appeal Dashboard – County jails are required by SCOC regulations and the Correction Law to establish and maintain a formal grievance program whereby incarcerated individuals may seek redress of their complaints to the jail administration, with an appeal mechanism to SCOC’s Citizens Policy and Complaint Review Council (CPCRC). Using the Tableau application that draws data from the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal, SCOC will produce and publish on its website a monthly dashboard that provides the total number of grievance appeals received, accounting by grievance category (food services, medical treatment, etc.), grievant gender, etc.

Monthly Complaint Dashboard – Outside of the formal grievance system, SCOC regularly receives written letters of complaint from incarcerated individuals and their advocates. Using the Tableau application that draws data from the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal, SCOC will produce and publish on its website a monthly dashboard that provides the total number of complaints received regarding county jails, New York City Department of Correction facilities,

and specialized secure juvenile detention facilities for older youth, accounting by complaint category (staff misconduct, medical treatment, etc.), facility type, etc.

Monthly Significant Facility Incident Dashboard – To fulfill its oversight and regulatory responsibilities, SCOC regulations require that all local correctional facilities report significant facility incidents in a timely manner. Using the Tableau application that draws data from the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal, SCOC will produce and publish on its website a monthly dashboard that provides the total number of reported incidents, accounting by incident category (escape, assault, contraband, etc.), age/ethnicity/race of subjects, day/time of incident, etc.