

Case: 201101057, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: behaviour related programmes (including access to)
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained about the unreasonable delay in him being assessed for the Constructs programme (which aims to help participants reduce the likelihood of being involved in further offending by helping them change the way they think and behave). Mr C was concerned that the delay in being assessed would affect his progression and chances of parole.

Prisoners are assessed for offending behaviour programmes using the Scottish Prison Service's (SPS) Generic Assessment process. Prisoners are placed on to an assessment waiting list based on their critical dates - this includes their parole qualifying date - and are selected for assessment ahead of those dates.

In Mr C's case, the SPS told him that the process had been followed properly and that he was on the waiting list and would be assessed ahead of his critical dates.

We were satisfied the SPS had followed the process properly in Mr C's case and we did not uphold his complaint.