

SPSO decision report

Case: 201101010, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: progression
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained because he was unhappy with the decision taken by the prison to delay his transfer to a National Top End (NTE). NTE is a less secure prison environment that life or long term prisoners will progress to after they meet certain criteria for a period of three months due to adverse intelligence. Mr C said that the evidence used by the prison to support the decision did not justify the decision and so the decision was unfair.

Our enquiries confirmed that the prison took the decision not to transfer Mr C to a NTE following consideration of relevant information (intelligence). We found no evidence of maladministration and did not uphold this complaint.