

SPSO decision report

Case: 201101175, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: transfer to another prison
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained because he was unhappy with the decision taken by one prison to transfer him to another. Mr C said he was ready to transfer to less secure conditions and he felt that transferring to the second prison would impact on his progression.

In response to his complaint, the first prison explained that they needed to make space for women prisoners transferring to that prison and because of this, the decision had been taken to select individual prisoners to transfer to the second prison.

Our enquiries to the first prison confirmed that they had taken a discretionary decision to transfer Mr C. Our enquiries also highlighted that Mr C's progression to less secure conditions would be handled in the same way at the second prison as it would at the first. Therefore, we did not uphold Mr C's complaint.