

Case: 201005382, 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 that he was delayed in being identified for inclusion in an intervention programme. He said this was unreasonable. Mr C was worried the delay would affect his progression to less secure conditions and his chance of early parole.

Our investigation found that as Mr C had appealed against his conviction, his participation in intervention work was delayed. This was because Mr C's custodial circumstances could have changed as a result of the appeal, which would have impacted upon his participation in intervention work. Also, the prison explained that they have limited resources available to deliver a range of intervention programmes to a number of prisoners. In addition to this, the prison must deliver programmes to different population groups of prisoners, impacting further on these limited resources. Taking all of this information into account, we did not uphold Mr C's complaint.