

SPSO decision report



Case: 201101966, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: scottish government and devolved administration
Subject: work (in prison)
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, wanted to submit a request to change work parties whilst he was off work in prison for health reasons. He complained that it was unfair to prevent his request while he was off work.

Our investigation confirmed that it is not normal practice to allow a prisoner who is off work on health grounds to continue submitting certain requests to work or to change work parties. This is because there are not enough jobs for all prisoners, and to allow this practice would be unfair to prisoners who are waiting to be allocated a work party.