

SPSO decision report

Case: 201104875, 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 because he said the programmes case management board (PCMB) considered false information before deciding what programmes he should be required to participate in. Mr C identified information in the record of the PCMB meeting which he felt was incorrect.

Before we investigated Mr C's complaint, the prison acknowledged that the PCMB had incorrectly noted that Mr C had committed a number of violent offences against different members of his family. Only a couple of those offences had been committed by Mr C against family members. However, the prison advised Mr C that the PCMB outcome was not affected because he still had the same number of convictions for violent offences.

As part of our investigation, we reviewed all of the information that the PCMB considered about Mr C before reaching its decision on what programmes he should participate in. In particular, we looked at the information Mr C still felt was incorrect. We were satisfied that information considered by the PCMB was relevant and appropriate and because of that, we did not uphold Mr C's complaint.