

SPSO decision report

Case: 201105267, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: progression
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, was refused progression (movement through the prison system to less supervised conditions) to open conditions because he was involved in outstanding civil court proceedings. He complained that it was unreasonable for the prison to delay his progression on this basis.

We obtained further information from the prison and were satisfied that this was a relevant risk factor that they were entitled to take into account. We noted that they explained their reasons to Mr C and undertook to review him again when the court proceedings were over. We considered this reasonable and did not uphold the complaint.