

SPSO decision report

Case: 201103862, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: progression
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained because the prison was not allowing him to participate in offending behaviour programmes. He said that this was unfair. Our enquiries with the prison confirmed that Mr C was unable to participate in offending behaviour programmes because he was appealing his conviction and sentence.

The prison explained that, if a prisoner lodges an appeal against their conviction, it indicates that he does not accept his guilt. There was, therefore, no value in carrying out such programme work with a prisoner who feels he is innocent of the crime he had been convicted of. We did not uphold this complaint.