

SPSO decision report

Case: 201201081, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: scottish government and devolved administration
Subject: supplies of books, newspapers, etc
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained that the prison refused to allow him to buy adult magazines. The prison confirmed to us that the requested material was not permitted and they explained the rationale behind this. They advised that this policy had recently undergone a thorough review. Although Mr C raised concerns about the policy not being applied consistently throughout the prison, we could find no evidence of this. As the governor has discretion as to which items to allow in their prison, and as the prison clearly advised Mr C of their position on the matter, we did not uphold the complaint.