

SPSO decision report

Case: 201201563, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: earnings
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained that the prison inappropriately failed to pay him for participating in an offending behaviour programme while he was unemployed. He said staff had told him that he would be paid for attending. In responding to his complaint, the prison informed Mr C that he was not entitled to receive an additional payment for attending a programme.

The prison explained to us that, where prisoners are in employment, they receive a full wage even if they have missed work to attend a programme. Where prisoners are unemployed, they receive a fixed amount regardless of attendance at programmes. Mr C received that amount and was not due any additional payments.