

SPSO decision report

Case: 201202641, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: personal property
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained that the prison's decision to remove his hi-fi was unreasonable. He said he had used the same hi-fi for many years. In response to Mr C's complaint, the prison said he could not have his hi-fi in use because it had a recording facility in it. They said Mr C would have to get this facility removed before he could have his hi-fi back.

In investigating Mr C's complaint, we reviewed several prisoner notices and the Scottish Prison Service's (SPS) electronic equipment protocol. The notices clearly stated that prisoners would need to pay to have recording facilities removed from any electrical equipment. In addition, the SPS protocol confirmed that prisoners would not be allowed to use hi-fis that had recording facilities. The prison confirmed that Mr C could have his hi-fi back in use if he paid to have the recording facility removed, but that, so far, Mr C had refused to do that.