

SPSO decision report

Case: 201203841, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: personal property
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, told us that he loaned his digital radio to another prisoner, and the prison removed it from them. When Mr C asked for his radio back, the prison refused because they told Mr C it was not on his property card. Mr C complained that their decision not to return the radio was unreasonable.

When we investigated, the prison explained that Mr C did not have a digital radio shown on his property card. There was a radio listed on it, but it was a clock radio. The prison said the radio they removed did not match the description of the one on Mr C's property card and because of that, it would not be given to him. We were satisfied that the prison's decision not to give Mr C the radio removed from the other prisoner was reasonable and because of that, we did not uphold his complaint.