

SPSO decision report

Case: 201301240, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: scottish government and devolved administration
Subject: progression
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner in a closed prison, complained that the Scottish Prison Service were unreasonably holding him back from progressing to less secure conditions.

A prisoner must meet standard criteria before the risk management team (RMT) will consider his application for progression. The RMT at the closed prison are responsible for deciding whether or not a prisoner can progress to less secure conditions. In Mr C's case, we did not uphold his complaint as our investigation highlighted that he did not meet the standard criteria for progression and because of that, his application could not be referred to the RMT for consideration.