

SPSO decision report

Case: 201301562, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: scottish government and devolved administration
Subject: progression
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained that he had been categorised as a medium security risk. He felt that he should have been given a 'low' rating.

Our investigation found that the reason for this classification was that drug paraphernalia was found during a routine search of the cell Mr C shared with another prisoner. Although Mr C said that this belonged to his cell mate, the prison service provided reasonable evidence of their suspicion that Mr C had been a participant, and we did not uphold his complaint. We also noted, however, that the decision on Mr C's security category was kept under review and that he had since been re-categorised with a low rating.