

## SPSO decision report

**Case:** 201302308, Scottish Prison Service  
**Sector:** Scottish Government and devolved administration  
**Subject:** special security measures  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained that the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) unreasonably prevented him from accessing prison activities, because they had imposed special security measures on him.

We found that, under The Prisons and Young Offenders (Scotland) Rules 2011, the SPS have the right to impose such measures. The records showed that they had explained the need for these to Mr C, and they had been reviewed with him periodically. The records also showed that Mr C had been offered access to prison activities, some of which he declined or had not yet taken up. Where activities were restricted, the reason for this had been explained.