

SPSO decision report

Case: 201303221, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: policy/administration
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, refused to attend prison work because he said he was unwell. The prison said that he was required to attend work because staff had not received notification from the prison health centre that Mr C needed to see a doctor, or that he had been assessed as being unfit for work. Mr C complained to us that the prison unreasonably placed him on report for his refusal.

We did not uphold Mr C's complaint, as the evidence confirmed the health centre had not told the prison that Mr C was unfit for work. Because of that, the prison were authorised to place Mr C on report for refusing to attend his work.