

SPSO decision report

Case: 201305996, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: behaviour related programmes (including access to)
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained because he said the prison inappropriately identified him as being suitable for the substance related offending behaviour programme. Mr C was unhappy with this because he said substance misuse was not part of his offence.

The prison told Mr C that because of the nature of his previous convictions, and the assessment carried out as to whether he was suitable for the programme, they were satisfied the outcome was appropriate. The Scottish Prison Service information leaflet on programmes confirmed that when substance misuse is related to an individual prisoner's offending behaviour, they will be targeted for the programme. The information available to the prison confirmed that substance misuse was an element of Mr C's previous convictions and because of that, he was selected as suitable. We were satisfied the prison appropriately identified Mr C as being suitable for the programme and because of that, we did not uphold his complaint.