

SPSO decision report

Case: 201306050, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: bullying/victimisation
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained that the prison had victimised him because he had complained. He explained that, after he put in a complaint about a staff member, he was moved to another location in the prison. His new location had a negative impact on him because he had no access to education or work, he was locked up for extended periods and he was subjected to abuse from other prisoners.

When we asked the Scottish Prison Service for further information, they explained that, when Mr C's sentence ended (which was around the same time as he made his complaint), he was the subject of another warrant. Under the prison rules this meant he became classed as an 'untried' prisoner. As such, he was moved to a more appropriate location, and his privileges and entitlements under the prison rules changed. There was no evidence to support Mr C's view that the move was the result of him complaining, so we did not uphold his complaint.