

SPSO decision report

Case: 201405899, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: policy/administration
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained that his prison failed to provide him with support to deal with his drug addiction. We found that the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) were not responsible for providing this particular support, as it was a matter for the NHS. Mr C said he was seeking specific medication, and that the SPS should transfer him to another prison in the hope of getting the medication. The SPS said this was not a valid reason for transfer because a prison transfer would not necessarily resolve Mr C's wish to obtain specific medication. This is because prescribing medication is a matter for the NHS, not the SPS. We did not uphold Mr C's complaint.