

SPSO decision report

Case: 201405924, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: policy/administration
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained that the prison would not allow him to have certain hi fi equipment or felt tip pens. Prisons have lists of the sort of items that are, and are not, allowed. Our investigation, which included examination of the relevant list, showed that Mr C's hi fi equipment was above the allowed wattage and that felt tip pens were not allowed because of the potential they offered for concealing inappropriate items such as drugs. We concluded that the prison had acted appropriately in refusing the items.