

SPSO decision report

Case: 201503738, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: progression
Outcome: upheld, recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained that the risk management team failed to appropriately demonstrate that they had taken a defensible decision in relation to his progression to less secure conditions. We found that the prison did not initially provide enough written detail to show how they had reached their decision on Mr C's progression. While the issue of Mr C's progression was entirely a matter for the prison to determine, we upheld Mr C's complaint about the level of written detail they provided to explain their decision.

Recommendations

We recommended that Scottish Prison Service:

- take steps to ensure that written decisions taken by the risk management team contain a sufficient level of detail so as to demonstrate that a defensible decision has been reached when considering a prisoner's progression to less secure conditions.