

SPSO decision report

Case: 201508604, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: work (in prison)
Outcome: upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained that he was not receiving the time off from his prison work party that the prison rules state prisoners should receive. The prison advised that there was a historic arrangement in place whereby prisoners agreed to work extra hours. However, they acknowledged that this was not in line with the relevant prison rules and confirmed that steps had been taken to provide sufficient cover so prisoners would receive the required time off work in future. We upheld the complaint but as appropriate steps had already been taken to remedy the identified failing, we did not make any recommendations.