

SPSO decision report

Case: 201707592, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: removal from association / segregation
Decision: upheld, recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained that the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) did not progress work on his management plan during his temporary transfer to another establishment. He was being held out of association with other prisoners (under Rule 95 of the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011) due to difficulties managing him and finding a suitable location for him. He was temporarily transferred to another establishment for operational reasons, and to give the SPS time to formulate a plan for his future management and location.

In responding to the complaint, the SPS said attempts had been made during Mr C's temporary transfer to relocate him to another establishment. They said that options for his future management had consistently been pursued. However, they could not find evidence to support this and they acknowledged that the Rule 95 paperwork had not been fully completed to record all action taken. We acknowledged that there appeared to be difficulties for the SPS in managing Mr C. However, as they were unable to demonstrate that steps had been taken to implement or explore agreed actions during his temporary transfer, we upheld this complaint.

Recommendations