

SPSO decision report

Case: 201101257, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: education
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C was identified in late 2009 as requiring an assessment for an offending behaviour programme. He complained to us that he had not yet been assessed and he was concerned that he will not have completed the necessary groupwork prior to his Parole Qualifying Date (PQD).

The Scottish Prison Service informed us that prisoners are prioritised for groupwork in line with their PQD and that they were currently assessing prisoners with PQDs in 2012. They confirmed that Mr C is on their list to be assessed but, as his PQD is not until 2013, he is not deemed a priority at this time. We considered this reasonable and noted that there is still sufficient time for Mr C to be assessed for, and placed on, the relevant programme. In light of this, we did not uphold the complaint.