

SPSO decision report

Case: 201105247, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: disciplinary charges - reporting and inquiry
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, was reported for possessing a mobile telephone. He pled guilty at his disciplinary hearing and the adjudicator imposed a punishment. Following this, Mr C submitted a disciplinary appeal form. He said he was appealing on the grounds that he felt protocol was not fully adhered to. In particular, he said that his charge sheet did not have a charge number and evidence bag number, that contradictory timings were noted, and the internal complaints committee recorded the charge number on his report sheet before meeting with him.

Our investigation found that the prison had applied the proper process in Mr C's disciplinary hearing. It was clear the adjudicator found Mr C guilty based on his own plea and admission of guilt, and we did not uphold Mr C's complaint.