

SPSO decision report

Case: 201201004, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: scottish government and devolved administration
Subject: progression
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained to the prison about the delay in carrying out his generic assessment. This is an assessment individual prisoners may receive to determine whether or not they need to participate in any offending behaviour programmes. In responding to Mr C's complaint, the prison told him they were aiming to assess him by April 2013. Mr C said that was an unreasonable timescale.

In investigating Mr C's complaint, the prison explained to us that they prioritise prisoners for assessment in line with their critical dates - these dates include when the prisoner might become eligible for progression to less secure conditions, or their parole qualifying date. Having reviewed the evidence available in Mr C's case, we were satisfied the prison were managing his case appropriately and in line with the normal process. Because of that, we did not uphold the complaint.