

## SPSO decision report

**Case:** 201300209, Scottish Prison Service  
**Sector:** Scottish Government and devolved administration  
**Subject:** work (in prison)  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained that he was being inappropriately denied the opportunity to attend his work party. Mr C said that on the mornings he attended the gym, he would not be taken to work.

Our investigation of Mr C's complaint confirmed that he was employed by the laundry work party to work mornings. The prison explained that the laundry work party was oversubscribed and because of this they divided the work between morning workers and afternoon workers. The prison explained that Mr C chose to attend the gym some mornings each week and because of that, he would not be taken to work. However, the prison said that even though he attended the gym instead of work, he still received the appropriate wage payment. In light of the information, we were satisfied that Mr C was not being inappropriately denied the opportunity to attend work.

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