

SPSO decision report

Case: 201300968, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: education
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained that he was being unfairly denied the opportunity to participate in his identified behaviour programmes. He was concerned that he would not be able to complete these and progress to open conditions in time before his parole qualifying date. (This is the date when a prisoner becomes eligible to be considered for release by the parole board.)

The prison explained that prisoners are placed onto the programme waiting lists in progression date order. (The progression date is when a prisoner can become eligible for consideration for progressing to less secure conditions.) They said that Mr C had been placed on the relevant waiting lists in line with that process, and he would access the programmes when he reached the top of the lists. We did not uphold his complaint, as we were satisfied that the prison had placed Mr C on the waiting lists in line with their procedure.