

SPSO decision report



Case: 201005364, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: canteen
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained that he had bought an electrical extension lead in prison but, when he moved to another prison, he was told that the local policy there did not allow the use of such leads. It is not our role to decide what prison policies should be: that is a matter for them. Our role in this complaint was to consider whether there had been any unfairness or unreasonableness. We found there were strong safety grounds for the policy (possible overloading of the electricity supply, causing power cuts and fires). This meant there were no grounds for us to question the policy further. As the prison had not acted wrongly, we did not uphold the complaint.