

**Case:** 201101053, Scottish Prison Service  
**Sector:** Scottish Government and devolved administration  
**Subject:** behaviour related programmes (including access to)  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained because the prison were asking him to engage in offending behaviour programmes and he said this was inappropriate because he maintained his innocence and, therefore, was unsuitable for the identified programmes.

The prison explained that because Mr C was a convicted prisoner, the prison had a duty to encourage him to address his offending behaviour. The prison confirmed that Mr C was currently unsuitable for the identified programmes because he was not willing to engage. However, this did not mean that the prison could not encourage him to engage and address his offending behaviour.

We were satisfied the prison were taking proper steps to encourage Mr C to engage in offending behaviour programmes and because of this, we did not uphold his complaint.