

SPSO decision report

Case: 201203562, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: progression
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained that the prison inappropriately changed his management plan. This is a plan that is put in place by the prison, and outlines the agreed steps a prisoner will be required to take to demonstrate that he can manage his risk appropriately, prior to being released. In Mr C's case, the prison decided that he should spend nine months on a work placement in the community before he would be considered for less secure prison conditions. However, while in a previous prison, it had been agreed that Mr C should only spend six months on a placement. Mr C said his original management plan had been agreed by the parole board.

Our investigation found that the prison had taken account of Mr C's behaviour while he was in custody, and in the light of this felt that he should be required to undertake his work placement over a longer period to allow him to demonstrate that he could manage his risk appropriately. We were satisfied that the prison had taken a decision they were entitled to take and because of that, we did not uphold Mr C's complaint.