

SPSO decision report

Case: 201403285, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: religious books, items and practices
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained that his prison did not provide a meal to mark a religious holiday. We noted that there was no requirement on the prison to provide such a meal. However, our investigation indicated that they did provide a meal which was better than usual meals and which was intended to mark the religious holiday. The prison said they had also taken the opportunity to broaden the understanding of other prisoners who were not observing the holiday by making the menu available to all prisoners and by including an explanation on the menu. We did not uphold Mr C's complaint.