

SPSO decision report

Case: 201402365, Lanarkshire NHS Board
Sector: health
Subject: clinical treatment / diagnosis
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained that a prison health centre unreasonably stopped medication that he had previously been prescribed.

We took independent advice from one of our medical advisers, who reviewed Mr C's medical records. These noted that he said he was tired and having difficulty in waking up, and that the health centre told him that it was not sensible to continue taking the medication (a sleeping tablet). Our adviser said that this medication is only intended for short-term use. In light of the advice we received, we considered that the health centre doctor provided a reasonable standard of care and that the decision to stop Mr C's medication was appropriate in the circumstances.