

SPSO decision report

Case: 201507584, Lanarkshire NHS Board
Sector: health
Subject: clinical treatment / diagnosis
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained that there was an avoidable delay in a diagnosis of lung cancer after he was referred to Wishaw General Hospital.

We took independent advice from a consultant in general respiratory medicine. The advice we received was that there had been no avoidable delay in making a diagnosis of cancer. Mr C's initial CT scan was abnormal but did not show the typical appearances of lung cancer. The adviser found that the doctors took appropriate steps to ensure the possibility of cancer was not missed. We found that when a further CT scan showed clearer signs of cancer, appropriate management (surgery) was undertaken. We therefore did not uphold Mr C's complaint.