

SPSO decision report

Case: 201508522, Edinburgh Napier University
Sector: further and higher education
Subject: policy/administration
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mrs C complained that the university failed to follow the procedure and timescales for a student nursing fitness to practise hearing. She also said that there was a delay in signing off placement booklets, and that the university wrongly told her she would not be entitled to further bursary funds.

We found that the university did follow the fitness to practise regulations. Where there was deviation from the timescales this was not significant and, in part, was done at Mrs C's request. We also found that the placement booklets could not be signed off until after the conclusion of the fitness to practise process. Finally, we found that Mrs C was not entitled to bursary funding as there was no medical reason for her period of study being extended; rather, it was due to academic failure. We did not uphold Mrs C's complaints.