

SPSO decision report

Case: 201806118, Grampian NHS Board
Sector: health
Subject: clinical treatment / diagnosis
Decision: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained about the treatment which he received at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. He had attended for a regional anaesthetic (nerve block) procedure. During the procedure he suffered a reaction and became unwell with severe breathing difficulties and had to undergo Cardiopulmonary Respiration (CPR) (medical procedure for a patient in cardiac arrest). Mr C wondered if the nerve block procedure had been carried out correctly.

We took independent advice from a consultant anaesthetist and found that the nerve block procedure was performed to an appropriate standard but unfortunately Mr C had an adverse reaction, possibly due to a combination of factors. When it became evident that Mr C was experiencing problems, staff appropriately carried out CPR as a precaution. We did not uphold the complaint.