

SPSO decision report

Case: 201304546, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board
Sector: health
Subject: clinical treatment / diagnosis
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, asked to be prescribed an alternative medication, and night sedation, to help him with his opioid addiction. The prison health centre refused because they were satisfied that Mr C's current prescription, and the additional support available to him, were appropriate. Mr C complained to us their decision was unreasonable.

We reviewed national guidance which deals with the provision of medications for the management of opioid dependence. We also sought independent advice from one of our medical advisers. In light of this, we were satisfied the prison health centre's decision to refuse Mr C's request was reasonable.