

## SPSO decision report

**Case:** 201501861, Lanarkshire NHS Board  
**Sector:** health  
**Subject:** clinical treatment / diagnosis  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C complained that a consultant nephrologist (a doctor who specialises in kidney care) provided inadequate medical care to him during a kidney biopsy. We looked at the board's complaint file and Mr C's medical records. We also took independent advice from a medical adviser. We found there were no failings in how the biopsy was explained to Mr C or in how it was carried out and the post-biopsy monitoring was appropriate. We also found that a rare but recognised complication was noticed in reasonable time and appropriate steps were taken to deal with the complication in reasonable time once it became apparent. We did not uphold Mr C's complaint.