

SPSO decision report



Case: 201910303, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division
Sector: Health
Subject: Clinical treatment / diagnosis
Decision: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

C complained that the board unreasonably carried out a biopsy after a mass was identified in C's chest. C said due to the type of tumour it shouldn't have been biopsied.

We took independent advice from a consultant physician and rheumatologist (a specialist in rheumatism, arthritis, and other disorders of the joints, muscles, and ligaments) and a consultant radiologist (a specialist in diagnosing and treating disease and injury through the use of medical imaging techniques such as x-rays and other scans).

We found that while the type of tumour should not have been biopsied, it was not identified as that type of tumour until after the biopsy and that was reasonable. We found that the decision to perform a biopsy was reasonable based on the information available at the time. As such, we did not uphold this complaint.