SPSO decision report



Case: 202100230, A Medical Practice in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board area An

Sector: Health

Subject: Clinical treatment / diagnosis

Decision: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

C complained to the practice about a failure of their GP to offer them a face to face consultation when they reported being concerned about a breast lump. C was given a telephone consultation only. C was not seen for a further three months and when they attended the breast clinic, C was diagnosed with breast cancer.

We took independent advice from a GP. We found that the GP had acted reasonably in that the plan was to review C two weeks following the telephone consultation should the symptoms not have resolved. C did not contact the practice for a number of months and when they did, appropriate referrals were made to specialists for further consideration. We did not uphold the complaint.