

SPSO decision report

Case: 202101818, Forth Valley NHS Board
Sector: Health
Subject: Clinical treatment / diagnosis
Decision: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

C's baby (A) was born with a rare genetic disorder and died four days after their birth. C complained about the board's failure to identify A's condition during prenatal scans. C complained that despite A's face not being visualised in two abnormality scans, a further scan was not arranged.

We took independent advice from a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist (a specialist in pregnancy, childbirth and the female reproductive system). We found that the board had appropriately followed national and departmental guidance in relation to the scans. We found it reasonable that A's condition was not detected during C's pregnancy. Although imaging of A's face was not possible during the second scan, we found there was no requirement to carry out a further anomaly scan or take any further action in relation to this. We therefore did not uphold this complaint.