

SPSO decision report

Case: 201501739, Forth Valley NHS Board
Sector: health
Subject: clinical treatment / diagnosis
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained that the decision to stop his prescription for co-codamol was unreasonable. He said he had been prescribed the medication for around two years for arthritis but the doctor stopped it without explaining why.

We reviewed Mr C's medical records and we took independent advice from a medical adviser who is a GP. We found that the prison health centre doctor took the decision to stop Mr C's prescription for co-codamol because there was no medical evidence available to indicate that he had arthritis. The adviser told us that the doctor's decision was reasonable. They also confirmed that the doctor prescribed another suitable medication for Mr C's muscular and bone pain.

In light of this information, we did not uphold Mr C's complaint.