SPSO decision report



Sector: health

Subject: clinical treatment / diagnosis

Decision: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained about the treatment he received at his dental practice. His dentist had said that he required a filling and the filling was performed by a dental therapist. Following the filling, Mr C experienced pain from the tooth and was told that a nerve had been damaged and that he would require either extraction or root canal treatment and then that he would require a crown. Mr C felt that the dental therapist had not carried out the filling in an appropriate manner. Mr C was also dissatisfied that when he made a formal complaint to the practice that he received responses from the dental therapist, head of practice and the dentist.

