

SPSO decision report

Case: 202001512, Lothian NHS Board - Acute Division
Sector: Health
Subject: admission / discharge / transfer procedures
Decision: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

C was an in-patient in a general adult psychiatry ward at a hospital outwith the Lothian NHS board area. A referral was made to transfer C and their baby to the Parent and Baby Psychiatric Unit at St John's Hospital but this was refused. C said that they were finding caring for their baby difficult in an adult environment and complained that the refusal was unreasonable.

We took independent advice from an appropriately qualified adviser. We found that the decision not to approve the transfer was reasonable from a clinical perspective. We did not uphold the complaint.