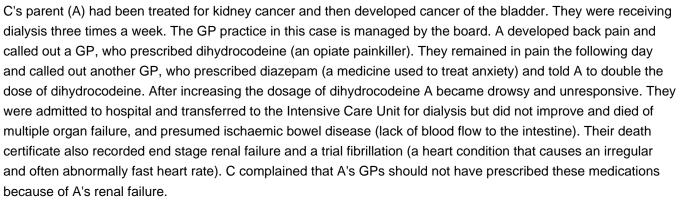
SPSO decision report

Case:	202003195, Grampian NHS Board
Sector:	Health
Subject:	Clinical treatment / diagnosis
Decision:	not upheld, no recommendations

Summary



We took independent advice from a GP adviser. We found that each GP had assessed and treated A appropriately, taking into account their presenting symptoms and existing health concerns. We noted that A's treatment options were significantly limited by their renal failure. We found that it was appropriate to prescribe opiates, as pain control was the objective and A was due dialysis which would significantly reduce the risk of toxicity. We found that although the medications had a sedative effect, they did not cause A's subsequent death. We found some shortcomings in documentation but were satisfied that the board had addressed this matter. We found that the GP treatment provided to A was of a reasonable standard and therefore did not uphold this complaint.

