

Fitness to Practise Panels week beginning 3 May 2005

Fitness to Practise Panel

Session beginning 4 May 2005

St James's Building, 79 Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 6FQ

This case will be considered by a Fitness to Practise Panel applying the General Medical Council's Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) Rules 1988

The Fitness to Practise Panel will meet at St James's Building, 79 Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 6FQ, to consider a resumed case previously heard by the Professional Conduct Committee

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: Manchester

Type of Case: Resumed hearing

The Panel will meet to resume consideration of the case of Dr Ronald Edley Metzger, a General Practitioner, whose registration is subject to conditions until 13 May 2005 in consequence of a direction by the Professional Conduct Committee in October 2003.

The Committee found proved that Dr Metzger failed to ensure that a practice nurse employed at his surgery had current registration with the United Kingdom Council for Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors. The Committee found Dr Metzger's actions in this regard to be inappropriate, irresponsible and not in the best interests of his patients.

The Committee further found proved that when visited by a Home Office Drugs Branch Inspector, Dr Metzger did not have a Controlled Drugs Register and had failed to maintain such a register in respect of the period September 1999 to March 2002. The Committee also found proved that Dr Metzger had self-prescribed ampoules of pethidine and had written private prescriptions for 60 Dexedrine (Dexamphetamine) tablets in the name of his wife, when these were not required. In respect of these matters, Dr Metzger's behaviour was found to be irresponsible, an abuse of his professional position and dishonest.

Fitness to Practise Panel

Session beginning 6 May 2005

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The Fitness to Practise Panel will meet at St James's Building, 79 Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 6FQ, to consider a new case of conviction

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: Northamptonshire

Type of Case: New Case of Conviction

Dr Richard Moody was on the 19 September 2003 at Northampton Magistrates Court, convicted of:

"a. On 7 February 2003 at Kettering you drove a vehicle on a road after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in your breath, namely 60 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, exceeded the prescribed limit contrary to s5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988,

b. On 7 February 2003 at Kettering you drove a mechanically propelled vehicle dangerously on a road contrary to s5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988,

c. On 7 February 2003 at Kettering you drove a vehicle on a road otherwise that in accordance with a licence authorising you to drive a motor vehicle of that class contrary to s87(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988;"

and as a result of being so convicted was sentenced to the imposition of a Community Rehabilitation and Punishment Order for a period of 24 months, disqualified from driving for 30 months, ordered to pay compensation of £3050 and ordered to pay a contribution to prosecution costs of £263.00.

Fitness to Practise Panel

Session beginning 6 May 2005 (Panel 2)

3rd Floor, Regent's Place, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3JN

The Fitness to Practise Panel will meet at Regent's Place, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3JN, to consider one new conviction case referred for inquiry by the Registrar.

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: Southampton

Type of Case: Conviction Case

On the 7 June 2004, Carl Nicholas Pritchard was convicted upon indictment of seven counts of attempting to make an indecent photograph of a child, Section (1)(1) Criminal Attempts Act 1981, and sentenced to a community rehabilitation order for two years with a condition that he complies with any assessment or programme to address his offending behaviour. He was also to register under Section 92 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 for a period of five years on the first count and to run concurrently on counts 2 to 6.

Fitness to Practise Panel

Session beginning 5 May 2005 (Panel 3)
Committee Room 2, 44 Hallam Street, London W1W 6JJ

This case will be considered by a Fitness to Practise Panel applying the General Medical Council's Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) Rules 1988

The Fitness to Practise Panel will reconvene at 44 Hallam Street, London, W1W 6JJ, to continue consideration of one new case of conduct referred for inquiry by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: Kent

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will continue to inquire into allegations that Alexander George Gibson, a Consultant Pathologist, failed to recognise a medical condition in two patients and failed to recognise, identify and report abnormalities in three patients' slides, therefore falling below the standard expected of a Consultant Pathologist.

It is further alleged that Dr Gibson's actions in this regard were not in the best interests of the patients.

The Panel will also inquire into allegations that Dr Gibson's conduct with regard to one patient amounted to a deliberate attempt to mislead.