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Occupational therapist from Swansea struck off by UK health regulator

A panel of the Conduct and Competence committee met today to consider the case of Paul Graves. They heard that Mr. Grave's fitness to practice as a registered health professional is impaired by reason of misconduct in relation to a Hewlett Packard C120 digital camera.

Robert Clegg, the chair of the panel, said, "In the case of Paul Graves we find that the Council's case is well-founded in that he exchanged the Trust camera for an inferior one, he failed to cooperate with the occupational therapy departmental inquiry and he subsequently sought to cover his tracks by removing the bar code from the camera box.

"Having read and heard all the evidence, we have concluded that Mr Graves' conduct has fallen well below that expected of a health professional, which is laid down in the Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics. He has breached Rule 3 regarding his personal conduct, Rule 4(c) in that he has not behaved with integrity and honesty and, finally, Rule 16, where his behaviour is clearly damaging to the profession's reputation"

The Health Professions Council is a UK wide health regulator set up to protect the public. It sets standards for twelve health professions. The HPC only registers people who meet its standards for their professional skills, behaviour and health, and will take action against people who do not.