

Fitness to Practise Panels week beginning 16 May 2005.

Please note a hearing tomorrow 14 May 2005.

Fitness to Practise Panel
Session beginning Saturday 14 May 2005 (Panel 3)
44 Hallam Street, London, W1W 6JJ

The Fitness to Practise Panel will meet at 44 Hallam Street, London W1W 6JJ, to continue consideration of one new conviction case referred for inquiry by the Registrar.

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: Essex

Type of Case: Reconvened Conviction Case

The Panel will reconvene to continue their consideration of the case of Dr Michael John Hodges whose case was opened on 22 April 2005 and was adjourned due to insufficient time. Dr Hodges was convicted upon indictment at Southwark Crown Court on 14 July 2004 of 12 counts of false accounting, and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment and ordered to pay compensation of £46,984.47 to Redbridge Primary Health Care Trust.

Fitness to Practise Panel
Session beginning 16 May 2005 (Panel 1)
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 new case of conduct referred for inquiry by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: Salford/Birkenhead/Hanley/St Helens

Type of Case: New case of conduct

The Panel will inquire into allegations that Dr Mostafa Abu Romia, a General Practitioner, continued to provide, or assist in providing, medical services, despite his registration having been suspended by the Professional Conduct Committee of the General Medical Council.

It is further alleged that Dr Abu Romia prescribed medication that did not yet have a product licence in the UK, and that he routinely prescribed medication in a manner that was inappropriate and irresponsible.

It is alleged that this conduct was inappropriate, unprofessional, dishonest and intended to mislead.

Fitness to Practise Panel

Session beginning 16-19 May 2005 (Panel 2)

St James' 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 new case of conduct referred for inquiry by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: West Midlands

Type of Case: New Case of Conduct

The Panel will inquire into allegations that Dr Greaves acted in an irresponsible, misleading and dishonest manner whilst working for the Wellesbourne Medical Group as a hair restoration cosmetic Doctor.

It is alleged that Dr Greaves's surgeon profile detailed in the Wellesbourne Hair Restoration Centre brochure stated that he was a member of the following;

The International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery ("ISHRS")

The European Society of Hair Restoration Surgery ("ESHRS")

The British Association of Hair Restoration Surgery ("BAHRS")

The British Association of Cosmetic Doctors

It is further alleged that Dr Greaves had never been a member of the "ISHRS", the "BAHRS" or the British Association of Cosmetic Doctors. Dr Greaves had been a member of the "ESHRS" but it had expired on 31 December 2002. Dr Greaves knew that the brochure was provided to patients and potential patients including April /May 2003 and did not take the appropriate steps to prevent the Wellesbourne Medical Group from circulating incorrect information about him.

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Case No. 1

Area of Practice: York, North Yorkshire

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will inquire into allegations that Dr John Paul Reed, a General Practitioner, displayed drunken, disorderly and abusive behaviour on various occasions towards individuals in Newcastle upon Tyne during August 2002. Dr Reed was subsequently arrested and formally cautioned by police.

It is further alleged that while being intoxicated by alcohol during August and September 2003, Dr Reed violently assaulted an individual and was subsequently cautioned by police following a complaint by the individual.

It is alleged that Dr Reed's actions were liable to bring the medical profession into disrepute.

Fitness to Practise Panel

Session beginning 16 May 2005 (Panel 1)

3rd Floor, Regent's Place, 35 Euston Road, London NW1 3JN

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 Regent's Place, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3JN, to consider one new case of conduct referred for inquiry by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: West Sussex

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will inquire into allegations that Quentin Wynn Spender, a senior lecturer and Consultant in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, failed to conduct adequate investigations concerning the condition of two patients. It is further alleged that the Dr Spender asserted unvalidated and/or uncorroborated allegations as facts with regard to both patients.

Fitness to Practise Panel

Session beginning 16 May 2005 (Panel 3)
Council Chamber, 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 meet at 44 Hallam Street, London, W1W 6JJ, to consider one new case of conviction referred for inquiry by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: London

Type of Case: Conviction

On 19 October 2001, at the Thames Valley Magistrates Court, James Scott was convicted of an offence under the provisions of s34(1) of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 and fined £500 and disqualified from driving for 15 months.

On 2 April 2004, at the West Cornwall Magistrates Court, Professor Scott was convicted of inflicting grievous bodily harm and sentenced to a Community Rehabilitation Order for three years with a condition to attend Aggression Replacement training.

Fitness to Practise Panel
Session beginning 16 May 2005 (Panel 4)
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 meet at 44 Hallam Street, London W1W 6JJ, to consider one new case of conduct referred for inquiry by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: Dorset

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will inquire into allegations that Dinah Velta Parums, a Consultant Histopathologist, acted in a way which was dishonest, irresponsible, inappropriate, not in the best interests of a patient and likely to bring the profession into disrepute.

It is alleged that Dr Parums diagnosed cancer in a patient and then subsequently changed her diagnosis in a supplementary report.

Fitness to Practise Panel

Session beginning 16 May 2005 (Panel 5)

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

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 Regent's Place, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3JN, to consider one new case of conduct referred for inquiry by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: Birmingham

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will inquire into allegations that Anwar Alam Halepota, a medical practitioner, acted in a manner that was unprofessional, not in the best interests of patients, and not of the standard expected of a registered medical practitioner in that he failed to take appropriate steps to ensure the safety of a patient to whom he had paid a home visit.

It is further alleged that Dr Halepota did not respond to correspondence from the HM Coroner's office, nor attend an inquest into the death of the patient despite the attempts of the HM Coroner's office to secure his attendance.

Fitness to Practise Panel

Session beginning 19 May 2005 (Panel 1)

Council Chamber, 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 meet at 44 Hallam Street, London W1W 6JJ, to review one case previously heard by the Professional Conduct Committee.

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: Ilford

Type of Case: Review hearing

The Panel will meet to continue to review the case of Dr Mrudula Vinodchandra Shah, registered as of 120 Hampton Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1PR, MB BS 1970 Gujarat, whose registration is subject to conditions until 31

May 2005 in consequence of a direction by the Fitness to Practise Panel on 14 April 2005.

Dr Shah's registration had previously been subject to conditions for a period of 18 months in consequence of a direction by the Professional Conduct Committee in June 2003. The Fitness to Practise Panel reviewed Dr Shah's case on 21 December 2004 and determined to extend the conditions on Dr Shah's registration until 30 April 2005.

Dr Shah was found guilty of serious professional misconduct in June 2003 following findings that she acted unprofessionally, inappropriately and in a way which was not in the best interests of her patients, with regard to her responsibility for the provision of medical services and the administration and management of her practice.