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NEWS RELEASE

Grantham chiropodist given conditions of practise order.

A chiropodist from Grantham has been given a conditions of practise order by the Health Professions Council (HPC).

A panel of the Conduct and Competence Committee of the HPC met on the 8th October 2004 to hear the case of David Fozard. The panel met to consider that allegation which is that Mr. Fozard's fitness to practise as a registered health professional is impaired by reason of his misconduct whilst employed at the Lincolnshire South West PCT Trust, in that during the course of a chiropody appointment on 21 May 2003, with a patient he made inappropriate comments.

Gordon Suthall, Chairman of the panel said

"The panel has listened very carefully to and has weighed the evidence of all the witnesses.....we find that the facts amount to the allegation being well founded, and further, that Mr Fozard's fitness to practise is thus impaired.

The panel has considered the range of sanctions available to it and is of the opinion that taking no further action, mediation, or a caution would not be effective to protect the public as a remedy for Mr Fozard's actions. Also, suspension and striking-off would be disproportionate.

Therefore we are imposing conditions of practice. The conditions are:

1. That Mr Fozard should undertake an educative programme designed to deliver the outcomes currently expressed in standards 1b4 and 1b5 of HPC's Standards of Proficiency.
2. That evidence of completion of this should be submitted to HPC by 31st July 2005.

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.