

Fitness to Practise Panels week beginning 25 April 2005

Fitness to Practise Panel

Session beginning 25th April 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: Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Type of Case: A New Case of Conduct

The Panel will inquire into allegations that Dr Camille De Sam Lazaro, a Consultant Paediatrician, provided a report to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) regarding allegations of sexual abuse at a nursery, which resulted in criminal charges being brought against two workers at that nursery.

It is also alleged that having been acquitted on all charges, the two workers brought libel proceedings against Newcastle City Council and a Review Team, during which Dr De Sam Lazaro gave evidence on oath and agreed that the report contained various deficiencies, inaccuracies and inconsistencies.

Fitness to Practise Panel

Session beginning 25 April 2005

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 application for restoration to the Register.

Case No. 1

Type of Case: Restoration Hearing

The Fitness to Practise Panel will meet to consider an application by Shailendra Chopra for the restoration of his name to the Register.

The referral to the Panel was made on the grounds that the doctor entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to a charge of causing bodily injury to another at Bexar County Court, Texas, USA, on 4 November 1999.

Further, Dr Chopra entered into a settlement agreement with the estate of a patient to settle a malpractice suit in relation to the accidental perforation of the patient's heart during an operation carried out by him, which resulted in the patient's death. The doctor and his insurers agreed to pay the sum of \$350,000 to the patient's estate on the basis that he did not admit negligence, misconduct, responsibility or liability.

Professional Conduct Committee
Session beginning 26 April 2005 (Panel 1)
Hearing Room 1, 3rd Floor, Regent's Place, 350 Euston Road,
London NW1 3JN

The Fitness to Practise will meet at Regent's Place, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3JN, to consider an application for restoration to the Medical Register.

Case No. 1

Type of Case: Restoration Hearing

The Fitness to Practise Panel will convene to consider an application by Thiam Look Yong for the restoration of his name to the Register. It is alleged that the doctor was found guilty by a disciplinary panel of the Singapore Medical Council of nine charges of failing to exercise the due care and standard expected of a professional doctor by prescribing nine patients hypnotic medications without sufficient regard to their medical conditions. It is further alleged that he was found guilty of failing to keep adequate records of these patients.

Fitness to Practise Panel
Session beginning 27 April 2005 (Panel 5)
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 review one case previously heard by the Professional Conduct Committee.

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: Kent

Type of Case: Review hearing

The Panel will meet to review the case of Christopher Richard Lattimer, a Vascular Surgeon, whose registration is currently subject to conditions until 22 June 2006, following a resumed hearing of his case in May 2004.

On 4 February 2003, at Thanet Magistrates', Mr Lattimer, was convicted of ten counts of making indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children.

Fitness to Practise Panel
Session beginning 25 April 2005 (Panel 3)
Council Chamber Room 1, 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 a new case of conduct referred for inquiry by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.

Case No. 1

Area of Practice: Sevenoaks, Kent

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

On 20 April 2004 at Thanet Magistrate's Court, John Christian Silberbauer was convicted of one count of damaging, without lawful excuse, property belonging to another person, contrary to Sections 1(1) and 4 of the Criminal Damage Act 1971. He was fined a sum of £550, ordered to pay compensation to the victim in the sum of £404.99 and ordered to pay Crown Prosecution Costs.

Fitness to Practise Panel
Session beginning 27 April 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.

Fitness to Practise Panel
Session beginning 25 April 2005 (Panel 5)
44 Hallam Street, London, W1W 6JJ

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

Case A

Area of Practice: London and Essex

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will continue its inquiry into allegations that Colin Leslie Brewer, a medical practitioner and Medical Director of a private treatment centre, prescribed inappropriately and/or irresponsibly to a number of patients having regard to the nature and/or the amounts and/or the combination of the drugs prescribed.

It is further alleged that Dr Brewer's management of a number of patients was inappropriate and/or irresponsible because he did not carry out adequate tests of compliance in the course of the management, he had no adequate contact with the patients' general practitioners and/or he did not maintain adequate contact with the patients.

Case B

Area of Practice: London and Essex

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will continue its inquiry into allegations that Anthony John Haines, a medical practitioner and Deputy Medical Director of a private treatment centre, prescribed inappropriately and/or irresponsibly to two patients having regard to the nature and/or the amounts and/or the combination of the drugs prescribed.

Case C

Area of Practice: London and Essex

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will continue its inquiry into allegations that Hugh Michael John Kindness, a medical practitioner, prescribed inappropriately and/or irresponsibly to four patients having regard to the nature and/or the amounts of the drugs prescribed and/or the potential for diversion.

Case D

Area of Practice: London and Essex

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will continue its inquiry into allegations that

Nicolette Louise Mervitz, a medical practitioner, prescribed inappropriately and/or irresponsibly to a patient having regard to the nature and/or the amounts and/or the combination of the drugs prescribed.

Case E

Area of Practice: London and Essex

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will continue its inquiry into allegations that Martin Gerard Daniel O'Rawe, a medical practitioner, prescribed inappropriately and/or irresponsibly to a patient having regard to the nature and/or the amounts and/or the combination of the drugs prescribed.

It is further alleged that before re-prescribing to the patient, Dr O'Rawe did not perform an adequate assessment and/or did not perform an adequate dose assessment.

Case F

Area of Practice: London and Essex

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will continue its inquiry into allegations that Ronald Brian Tovey, a medical practitioner, prescribed inappropriately and/or irresponsibly to a number of patients having regard to the nature and/or the amounts and/or the combination of the drugs prescribed, and/or the potential for diversion.

Case G

Area of Practice: London and Essex

Type of Case: Alleged serious professional misconduct

The Panel will continue its inquiry into allegations that Timothy Willocks, a medical practitioner, prescribed inappropriately and/or irresponsibly to two patients having regard to the nature and/or the amounts and/or the combination of the drugs prescribed, the intervals at which the drugs were prescribed and/or the potential for diversion.