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NEWS RELEASE

Northampton chiropodist struck off by Health Professions Council

A chiropodist from Northampton was struck off yesterday by the Health Professions Council.

A panel of the Conduct and Competence Committee met yesterday (30th September 2004) in London to hear the allegation that between October 1999 and May 2001, Mr Hussein submitted misrepresented invoices to AXA PPP Healthcare, Norwich Union Healthcare and Western Provident Healthcare which resulted in payments of benefit to which he was not entitled.

Sandy Yule, Chair of the panel said "You have admitted that you charged excessively and charged for work you were not entitled to charge for. You made claims against AXA PPP Healthcare as a recognised provider when you knew you were not. This was conduct which was repeated, persistent, calculated and on a substantial scale.

"Honesty and integrity are essential for Health Care Professionals and it is for the Health Professions Council to maintain public confidence in Health Professionals. For this reason.....we consider that a striking-off order is proportionate and the only sanction which is sufficient to maintain public confidence in the profession".

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.

While he is not registered with the HPC, Mohammed Hussein cannot practise anywhere in the UK using the protected title 'chiropodist or podiatrist.'