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NEWS RELEASE

Liverpool Occupational Therapist cautioned by the Health Professions Council

An Occupational Therapist from Liverpool has been cautioned by the Health Professions Council (HPC).

A panel of the Conduct and Competence Committee of the HPC met on the 7th September to hear the case of Lisa Bynon. The panel heard the allegation that Lisa Bynon's fitness to practise was impaired by reason of her conviction at Liverpool Magistrates Court on 12th December 2003.

Robert Clegg, Chairman of the panel said
"Having already found the allegation well founded the panel have now considered the issue of disposal.

We have considered the written evidence and the submissions made to us this morning. We are very aware of the serious nature of the conviction and that Lisa Bynon has served a six month sentence as a result.

The dishonesty which the registrant displays falls well below the high standards of personal conduct expected of any health professional. This type of behaviour could well result in a registrant being struck off or indeed not admitted to the register at all. That said the panel considered in light of the character reference that this was an isolated incident which was very much out of character and came about as a result of exceptional circumstances.

We have weighed the risk to the public and consider that a caution for one year is the appropriate disposal for this case".

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.