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NEWS RELEASE

Paramedic given Conditions of Practice Order

A Paramedic from York has been given a Conditions of Practice Order by the Health Professions Council (HPC).

A panel of the Conduct and Competence Committee of the HPC met on the 29th November 2004 to hear the case Edward Wade. The allegation was heard that his fitness to practise as a registered health professional was impaired by reason of his misconduct when dealing with a patient on 9 October 2003, and his lack of competence when dealing with a patient on the same date.

Graham Beastall, Chair of the Panel said....."The panel has assessed the detailed evidence presented, and has decided that the allegation of lack of competence against Mr Wade has been well founded. The Panel has also decided that Mr Wade's actions constitute misconduct.

"Having considered all the options the Panel believe that in respect of each of the allegations, both of which were well founded, the most appropriate form of sanction is a Conditions of Practice Order as described in Article 29 5 (c) of the Health Professions Order 2001.

"The Panel requires that within two years, and as soon as is practical after return to the UK, Mr Wade should successfully complete an Institute of Health Care Development Paramedic re-certification course. As soon as practical thereafter the Panel requires Mr Wade should work under constant and direct supervision from another Health Professions Council registered Paramedic for a period of at least three months, resulting in the production of a satisfactory supervision report".

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.