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NEWS RELEASE

Condition of Practice Order for physiotherapist from Haverhill

A panel of the Conduct and Competence Committee of the HPC met on the 6th September to hear the case of Fiona Drew. The panel heard the allegation that Fiona Drew's fitness to practise was impaired by reason of her physical or mental health between September 2000 and December 2003 whilst in the employment of the West Suffolk Hospitals NHS Trust and Ipswich Hospitals NHS Trust.

Tony Hazel, Chairman of the Panel said "There is evidence that in order to fulfil the obligation of the Health Professions Council with regard to the protection of the public, it is necessary to impose a Conditions of Practice Order.

"For a period of two years, Miss Drew, you shall not undertake respiratory care in an Intensive Care Unit, unless prior to so doing, you have satisfactorily completed a period of relevant supervised training.

Under article 30 of the Health Professions Order 2001 before the end of this two year period your case will be subject to a mandatory review by the Health Committee who will look carefully at what has taken place during the intervening period".

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.