

**Report of the Fitness to Practise Committee
following an Inquiry held pursuant to Part 8
of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007**

Registered Medical Practitioner:	Dr. Maria Gordos
Registration Number:	264006
Registered Address:	Park Medical & Wellness Centre Park Road Killarney Co. Kerry
Date of Inquiry:	9 th March & 16 th April, 2012
Members of Inquiry Committee:	Mr. Brendan Broderick (Chair) Dr. Nuala Healy Ms. Catherine Earley
Legal Assessor:	Mr. Seamus Woulfe S.C.
Appearances - For the Chief Executive:	Mr. JP Mc Dowell of Mc Dowell Purcell Solicitors.
For the Practitioner:	Mr. Donal O'Leary B.L instructed by Mr. Brian O'Connor of O'Connor, O'Shea Solicitors

Findings of the Committee:

Allegation 1:

That Dr. Gordos refused and/or failed to use the defibrillator when she knew or ought to have known that it was appropriate.

Having regard to the evidence adduced, the Committee found that :

Allegation 1 was not proven as to fact.

Reason:

Not proven beyond reasonable doubt.

Allegation 2:

That Dr. Gordos delayed the departure of the ambulance without any or any adequate reason.

Allegation 2 was struck out by the Committee on application for a direction.

Allegation 3:

That Dr. Gordos failed to provide any or adequate assistance and/or support and/or advice to the family of (Patient C).

Allegation 3 was proven as to fact.

Reason: Evidence as a whole established this factual matter beyond a reasonable doubt.

Allegation 3 did not amount to professional misconduct.

Allegation 3 did not amount to poor professional performance.

Reason:

The Committee was of the view that the communication by Dr. Gordos in this situation as having been suboptimal, falling below the level that would have been desirable and helpful to the family in the very distressing circumstances in which they found themselves. However, having regard to Dr. Wahlrab's evidence, the Committee are not making a finding of poor professional performance beyond a reasonable doubt.

Brandon Broderick,

Chairperson

16th April, 2012

Date