

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

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<b>Registered Medical Practitioner:</b>	Dr. Michael Joseph Clarke
<b>Registration Number:</b>	000454
<b>Registered Address:</b>	Market Square Castleblayney Co. Monaghan
<b>Date of Inquiry:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2012
<b>Members of Inquiry Committee:</b>	Dr. Danny O'Hare (Chair) Dr. Nuala Healy Mr. Michael Brophy
<b>Legal Assessor:</b>	Ms. Patricia Dillon S.C.
<b>Appearances –</b>	
<b>For the Chief Executive:</b>	Mr. JP Mc Dowell of Mc Dowell Purcell Solicitors.
<b>For the Practitioner:</b>	Mr. Simon Mills B.L. instructed by Ms. Cliona Power of Matheson Ormsby Prentice Solicitors.

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**Findings of the Committee:**

**Allegation 1:**

That Dr. Clarke failed to carry out any or arrange any or any adequate examination(s)/investigation(s) in respect of Mr Connolly.

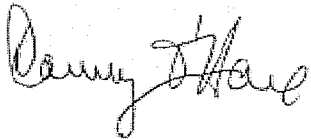
Having regard to the evidence adduced, the Committee found that :

Allegation 1 was not proven as to fact.

Reason:

Both the expert witnesses were satisfied that the examination as described by Dr. Clarke was adequate in all the circumstances. It is also found that Dr. Clarke did arrange a referral to a neurologist.

Allegation 1 did not amount to poor professional performance.



\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2012

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