



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

Registered Medical Practitioner:	Dr John McKenna
Registration Number:	303011
Registered Address:	Linmore House Ballincar Co Sligo
Date of Inquiry:	26 th and 27 th November, 2012
Members of Inquiry Committee:	Mr Brendan Broderick (Chair) Dr Mary Henry Mr Paul Murphy
Legal Assessor:	Mr Tony O'Connor SC
Appearances - For the Chief Executive:	Ms Kate Dawson BL instructed by Mc Dowell Purcell Solicitors.
For the Practitioner:	Ms Marguerite Bolger BL instructed by Daniel Spring & Co Solicitors.

Findings of the Committee:

The Committee having heard all of the evidence has decided to exercise its discretion to request an undertaking in accordance with section 67(1)(a) of the Act not to repeat the conduct the subject of the complaint.

In arriving at its decision the Committee took into account the inexperience of Dr McKenna, his immediate admission of his actions when challenged. The Committee were particularly perturbed by the falsification of INR results. While the Committee accepted that Dr McKenna's motivation, albeit wholly misguided, was to optimise the care pathway for the patient. The Committee emphasised that the falsification of results by any doctor for any reason can never be justified. The Committee noted Dr McKenna's unequivocal acknowledgment of the inappropriateness of his actions in this regard.

The Committee drew reassurance comfort from the detailed and impressive evidence of Mr Hickey and Professor O'Sullivan and the Committee were satisfied that Dr McKenna does not pose a patient safety risk.

Brendan Broderick,

Chairperson

21st January, 2012

Date