



**Findings 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 Said Zia
<b>Registration Number:</b>	318542
<b>Registered Address:</b>	Suite 302 2 Crawford Hall Wandesford Quay Cork
<b>Date of Inquiry:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2012
<b>Members of Inquiry Committee:</b>	Dr John Monaghan (Chair) Ms Joan Tattan-Denis Mr Denis Doherty
<b>Legal Assessor:</b>	Ms Patricia Dillon SC
<b>Appearances - For the Chief Executive:</b>	Ms Louise Berine BL instructed by Ms Aoiffe Moran of Mc Dowell Purcell Solicitors.
<b>For the Practitioner:</b>	Not represented

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**Findings of the Committee:**

**Allegation 1:**

Allegation 1 was withdrawn.

**Allegation 2:**

Allegation 2 was withdrawn.

**Allegation 3:**

Allegation 3 was withdrawn

**Allegation 4:**

That Dr Zia submitted an application for employment at Sligo General Hospital on or around 15 September 2008 in which he failed to disclose to Sligo General Hospital that he was the subject of an investigation by the General Medical Council at the time and/or that his registration in the United Kingdom was suspended.

Allegation 4 was proven as to fact.

Reason:

1. The evidence of Ms Grainne McCann in relation to the application to Sligo General Hospital on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 satisfied the Committee that Dr Zia did not disclose the GMC investigation and the suspension of his registration;
2. The evidence of Ms Patricia Collins of the GMC that he had been suspended on the 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 and that it had been notified to him on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2008;
3. That the factual matters were not disputed by Dr Zia;

Allegation 4 did amount to professional misconduct.


Reason:

The failure of Dr Zia to disclose his suspension by the General Medical Council, which is a substantial breach of trust and a serious falling short by omission of the standard of conduct expected from a doctor.

The Committee finds that the test for professional misconduct was/was not established beyond reasonable doubt.

**Other matters relating to the registered medical practitioner the subject of the complaint which the Committee considers appropriate to specify:**

1. The failure of Dr Zia to engage with the Council in dealing with the complaint and;
2. The Committee did not receive any evidence in mitigation from Dr Zia, including any insight into his conduct;
3. The Committee commends that fact that Dr Zia's record was transmitted by the Medical Council to the Health Service Executive and that the Health Service Executive transmitted this information to Sligo General Hospital who acted promptly on the information.



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Chairperson

18<sup>th</sup> December, 2012

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Date