

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

SHANLEY, Karen Jane Devlin

[Registration number: 205796]

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

SUBSTANTIVE HEARING

Notice that an inquiry will be conducted by a Practice Committee of the General Dental Council, commencing at **10:00am** on **24 March 2025**.

Please note that this hearing will be conducted remotely by video conference.

The heads of charge contained within this sheet are current at the date of publication. They are subject to amendments at any time before or during the hearing. For the final charge, findings of fact and determination against the registrant, please visit the Recent Decisions page at <https://www.dentalhearings.org/hearings-and-decisions/decisions> after this hearing has finished.

Committee members:

Peter Watson	Lay	Chair
Stephanie Carter	DCP	
Humza Sulaman Anwar (shadow Chair)	Dentist	

Legal Adviser:

Alastair McFarlane (24 March)	Legal Adviser
Jane Kilgannon (25-27 March)	

CHARGE

Karen Jane Devlin SHANLEY, a dental nurse, National Certificate NEBDN 2010, is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 24 March for an inquiry into the following charge:

“That being a registered dental care professional:

1. On 27/11/2013, you were convicted at Edinburgh Sheriff Court of the following offences:
 - a. Send a non-sexual offensive/indecent/obscene/menacing message by means of public electronic communications contrary to s.127(1)(a) of the Communications Act 2003;
 - b. Behave in a threatening or abusive manner likely to cause a reasonable person to suffer fear or alarm contrary to s.38(1) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing Scotland Act 2010.
2. On 21/12/2018, you were convicted at Edinburgh Sheriff Court of the following offence:
 - a. Fail to comply with conditions of bail – contrary to the s.27(1)(b) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (Domestic Abuse Aggravator (Scotland)).
3. On 10/01/2019, you were convicted at Edinburgh Sheriff Court of the following offences:
 - a. Behave in a threatening or abusive manner likely to cause a reasonable person to suffer fear or alarm contrary to s.38(1) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing Scotland Act 2010;
 - b. Behave in a threatening or abusive manner likely to cause a reasonable person to suffer fear or alarm contrary to s.38(1) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing Scotland Act 2010 (Domestic Abuse Aggravator (Scotland));
 - c. Fail to comply with undertaking contrary to Schedule 1, Paragraph 1(1)(c) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Domestic Abuse Aggravator (Scotland)).
4. On 21/10/2022, you were convicted at Edinburgh Sheriff Court of the following offence:
 - a. Careless driving (non-fatal accident) contrary to s.3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
5. You failed, immediately, to inform the General Dental Council that you were convicted on 27/11/2013, at Edinburgh Sheriff Court of two offences, set out at allegation 1. above.
6. You failed, immediately, to inform the General Dental Council that you were convicted on 21/12/2018, at Edinburgh Sheriff Court of one offence, set out at allegation 2, above.

7. You failed, immediately, to inform the General Dental Council that you were convicted on 10/01/2019, at Edinburgh Sheriff Court of three offences, set out at allegation 3, above.
8. You failed, immediately, to inform the General Dental Council that you were charged with the following offences:
 - a. On 29 Oct 2020, on a road or other public place, you did drive a mechanically propelled vehicle, namely a motor car dangerously, contrary to section 2 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, as amended.
 - b. On 29 Oct 2020, you were concerned in the supplying of a controlled drug, namely Cocaine a Class A drug, to another or others, contrary to Section 4(1) and (3)(b) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971;
9. Your conduct in relation to allegations 5, 6, 7 and 8 was:
 - a. Misleading and/or
 - b. Dishonest.

AND THAT your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of your Misconduct and/or Conviction.”