

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

SWEETMAN, Laura

[Registration number: 127671]

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:

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| Zareen Elleby | DCP | Chair |
| Juliette Brouard | Dentist | |
| Catherine Pease | Lay | |

Legal Adviser:

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| Judith Walker | Legal Adviser |
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CHARGE

Laura SWEETMAN, a dental nurse, National Certificate NEBDN 2002 is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 24 March 2025 for an inquiry into the following charge:

“That being registered as a dental care professional:

1. On 11 July 2023, you were convicted at Chester Magistrates’ Court of driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol on 16 June 2023, contrary to section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
2. You failed to inform the General Dental Council immediately that, on or around 16 June 2023, you had been charged with driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol.
3. Your actions in relation to allegation 2 were:
 - a. Misleading, and/or
 - b. Dishonest.

AND that by reason of the facts alleged, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of conviction and/or misconduct”