GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

NASERI, Arash

[Registration number: 100202]

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

SUBSTANTIVE HEARING

Notice that an inquiry will be conducted by a Practice Committee of the General Dental Council, commencing at **9.30am** on **1 December 2026.**

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:	Michael Speakman	Dentist	(Chair)
	Kirsty Cardis	DCP	
	Carey Bamber	Lay	
Legal Adviser:	Megan Ashworth		

CHARGE

Arash NASERI, a dentist, Statutory Exam 2005, is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 1 December 2026 for an inquiry into the following charge:

"That, being a registered dentist,

1. You provided care and treatment, including orthodontic treatment, to:
(a) Patient 1 between about 31 January 2019 to 16 December 2020;
(b) Patient 2 between about 30 May 2018 and about July 2021.

Indemnity

2. You failed to hold adequate insurance cover in that:

a. between 18 April 2020 and 2 July 2020 you held no insurance cover in respect of any treatment or claims arising after about 2 March 2015;
b. on 2 July 2020 you took out insurance with a retroactive date of 23 June 2020 and continued to hold no insurance cover in respect of any treatment or claims arising after about 2 March 2015 and before 23 June 2020.

3. Your conduct as set out above at 2:

a. was unprofessional;
b. lacked integrity;
c. was dishonest in that you knew you did not hold adequate insurance cover.

4. Between 11 August 2021 and January 2022 you were repeatedly contacted by a solicitor acting on behalf of Patient 1 in furtherance of a claim for negligence.

5. Your responses to the solicitor were:

a. unco-operative in that you failed to respond adequately and/or promptly;
b. obstructive in that you:
(i) deliberately did not respond in a timely way;
(ii) deliberately did not respond with the information requested;
(iii) failed to notify your purported indemnity organisation as and when requested to do so;
c. misleading in that you purported to have adequate insurance cover in respect of Patient 1's claim when you did not;
d. dishonest in that you purported to have adequate insurance cover in respect of Patient 1's claim when you knew you did not.

Substandard Care

6. You provided substandard care and treatment to Patient 2 in that:

a. you failed to adequately discuss or adequately record a discussion with Patient 2 regarding the proposed treatment plan including alternative options, risks and benefits;
b. you failed to carry out adequate radiographic assessment prior to carrying out interproximal reduction ('IPR');
c. you failed to adequately assess or adequately record an assessment of the upper and lower arches prior to providing expansion treatment;
d. between 29 August 2018 and 27 February 2019, you carried out IPR on the upper arch and failed to:
(i) adequately record the provision of IPR including method and/or amount;
(ii) ensure the IPR provided was parallel at UL1 and UL2;
e. you failed to adequately report on periapical radiographs dated 14 October 2020 including the contact point between UL1 and UL2;
f. you failed to identify why the spaces in the upper arch were not closing;
g. you failed to adequately assess the expansion created or adequately record an assessment;
h. you failed to take adequate clinical photographs and/or study models and/or radiographs to monitor the amount of IPR and/or expansion provided.

7. You failed to adequately control tooth movement resulting in treatment which left Patient 2 with:

a. excessive IPR at UL2;
b. a posterior open bite;
c. a posterior cross bite;
d. a lack of inter-digitation of the dentition;
e. unnecessary of root resorption.

8. On 14 May 2019 you informed Patient 2 words to the effect "if gaps not closed surgical removal of alveolar bone might be needed".

9. On 20 May 2021 you wrote to a professional colleague and stated you had spent a year closing Patient 2's gaps and "she turned out to have BDD".

10. On 16 July 2021 you informed Patient 2 words to the effect that IPR of the lower teeth was "was unnecessary" and that "the lower front teeth were not hindering the upper space closure".

11. Your communications as above at 8, 9 and/or 10 were:

a. inappropriate;
b. unprofessional;

c. misleading in that the statements were not true;
d. in respect of 9, outside your scope of practice.

And that, by reason of the facts alleged, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of your Misconduct."