

PUBLIC HEARING

Professional Conduct Committee Review Hearing

9 April 2026

Name: MANIR, Haroon Mohammed Bin
Registration number: 258226
Case number: CAS-209736

General Dental Council: Peta-Louise Bagott, counsel
Instructed by Amy Jones, IHLPS

Registrant: Present
Not represented

Fitness to practise: Impaired by reason of misconduct

Outcome: Suspension extended (with a review)

Duration: Three months

Committee members: Matthew King (Dentist) (Chair)
Jayne Hilderley (Lay)
Gemma Forsythe (Dental Care Professional)

Legal Adviser: Michael Bell

Committee Secretary: Gareth Llewellyn

Mr Manir

1. This is a resumed hearing of the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC). The hearing is being conducted remotely using Microsoft Teams in line with the Dental Professionals Hearings Service's current practice.
2. You are present and are not represented. Peta-Louise Bagott of counsel, instructed by Amy Jones of the GDC's In-House Legal Presentation Service (IHLPS), appears for the GDC.

Purpose of hearing

3. The purpose of today's hearing is to review a substantive direction of suspension that was imposed on your registration by the PCC on 12 January 2026. The hearing is being held in accordance with section 27C of the Dentists Act 1984 (as amended) ('the Act').

Existing order

4. In January 2026 the PCC held a hearing of inquiry in relation to allegations about your fitness to practise. You were present and were not represented. The PCC heard, and went on to find proved, allegations about your contact and co-operation with the GDC in connection with concerns about your fitness to practise. The PCC's findings were summarised in the following terms:

'The Committee has found that, on 8 November 2023, following a request that the GDC had made, you inaccurately confirmed your current postal address as being a dental practice which you had in fact left some time earlier in January 2021. The Committee has also found that, for the four-year period of around 19 January 2021 to 31 December 2024, you failed to maintain a correct and up-to-date address with the GDC. The Committee went on to find that such matters amount to misleading conduct.'

The Committee found that that you did not provide the GDC with the dental records for Patient 3 in the period of 6 February 2024 to 24 June 2024, and did not provide the dental records for two other patients, who are referred to as Patient 1 and Patient 2, in the period of 8 November 2023 to 9 April 2024. The Committee has also found that, from around 6 February 2024, you did not provide it with details of your working arrangements and, from that approximate date until around 9 April 2024, you did not provide evidence of your indemnity insurance arrangements.'

5. That Committee went on to determine that the facts that it had found proved amounted to misconduct, and that your fitness to practise was impaired by reason of that misconduct with regard to both public protection and public interest factors. The Committee determined that the appropriate and proportionate sanction was one of suspension for a period of three months, with a review hearing to be convened before the expiry of that period of suspended registration. The Committee also made recommendations to you in terms of the evidence that you may wish to provide to a future reviewing Committee, namely, *'an updated reflective statement from you, evidence of learning focussed on the Committee's findings, such as continuing professional development (CPD), and documentary evidence of the embedding of the necessary changes in your practice'*.
6. It falls to this Committee to review the extant suspension.

Evidence

7. The Committee has been provided with a copy of the index PCC's determination of January 2026, as well as documentary evidence of the GDC's attempts to contact you in anticipation of today's hearing. The Committee has also been provided with information from Companies House which suggests that you are an active director of a company. The Committee has also received a reflective statement written by you, together with CPD and other evidence.
8. The Committee heard oral evidence from you. In your evidence you stated that you recognise the seriousness of your misconduct and its impact on the profession and the public. You described the steps that you have taken to avoid a repeat of your misconduct. You asked the Committee to consider your insight into, reflections upon, and remediation of, your misconduct in reaching its decision as to whether your fitness to practise remains impaired.
9. In response to questions put to you by Ms Bagott, you accepted that you did not respond to the GDC's requests of 3 and 17 March 2026 for you to confirm your attendance at this hearing. You stated that you have however experienced some difficulties with your email domain provider which resulted in emails from the GDC being delayed. You stated that those issues have now been resolved. You stated that you recognise that as a courtesy you could have confirmed your attendance at today's hearing, but that you assumed that your attendance was required and expected. You stated that you did however reply to the GDC's requests for you to provide your remediation material in advance of the hearing.

Summary of submissions

10. Ms Bagott submitted that the GDC is neutral as to whether your fitness to practise is currently impaired. Ms Bagott invited the Committee to consider whether the evidence that you have presented is sufficient for it to conclude that you no longer pose a risk to the public and that a repeat finding is not required in the wider public interest. Ms Bagott submitted that, were the Committee to conclude that your fitness to practise remains impaired, a further period of suspended registration for three months, again with a review, might be appropriate.
11. You submitted that, in relation to the issue concerning your response to the GDC's communications about this hearing, you have not been able to receive postal correspondence in a timely manner, including the notice of hearing dated 3 March 2026, as that correspondence was sent to your GDC registered address, which is the address of your practice. You stated that the practice has been closed for some weeks. You submitted that the practice has now reopened, and that, accordingly, and augmented by the improvements that you have made in relation to you receiving correspondence, such difficulties will not arise in the future.

Committee's determination

12. The Committee has carefully considered all the information presented to it, including the submissions of Ms Bagott on behalf of the GDC and those made by you.
13. In its deliberations the Committee has had regard to the GDC's *Fitness to Practise: Guidance for the practice committees* (January 2026). The Committee has accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser concerning its powers and the principles to which it should have regard. Amongst other advice, the Legal Adviser advised the Committee that you bear the effective burden of demonstrating that your fitness to practise is no longer impaired.

Impairment

14. The Committee has determined that your fitness to practise remains impaired with regard to both public protection and public interest considerations. The Committee has been provided with insufficient evidence to demonstrate that you have remedied your misconduct to the extent required. The Committee is mindful that the misconduct that was previously identified related to you failing to keep the GDC informed of your current postal address, and failing to provide information that the GDC requested of you. Whilst the Committee has had regard to the evidence that you have provided of your reflections upon those failings, and of your efforts to remedy those findings, the Committee considers that the evidence presented to it is not sufficient for it to conclude that a repeat of your misconduct is now highly unlikely.
15. The Committee considers that your engagement with the GDC in anticipation of this hearing belies your assertions of insight and remediation. The Committee notes that the address that you have maintained with the GDC is an address at which you are not able to receive correspondence in a timely manner. Further, you were not able to receive emails sent to you about this hearing, and requesting information from you, in a timely manner, as your email inbox was full and not able to receive correspondence. This is of real concern to the Committee, given the previous finding of you failing to keep the GDC informed of your current whereabouts and failing to provide the GDC with information that it has requested. Although the Committee recognises, and has been assisted by, your attendance at this hearing, it cannot be satisfied that the necessary changes in your engagement and co-operation with the GDC have been embedded. The Committee therefore considers that you continue to pose a risk to the public on account of your unremediated misconduct.
16. The Committee further considers that, in the circumstances, a declaration of impairment is again required in the wider public interest, more particularly in order to declare and uphold proper professional standards of conduct and behaviour and to maintain public trust and confidence in the profession.

Sanction

17. The Committee next considered whether it would be appropriate to revoke the suspension, or to replace the suspension with a direction of conditional registration.
18. The Committee considered that revoking the suspension would place the public at unwarranted risk of harm, and would also not be sufficient to safeguard the wider public interest considerations that it has identified. The Committee also considered that conditions cannot adequately meet the risks to the public and the public interest.
19. The Committee then went on to consider whether to extend the extant direction of suspension. The Committee determined that a further period of suspension is the appropriate and proportionate sanction to impose in the current circumstances of this case. The Committee considers that a further suspension for three months is necessary to protect the public, and is also needed to meet the wider public interest.
20. Although this Committee in no way wishes to bind or fetter the Committee which will review the suspension, it considers that the reviewing Committee may be assisted by your full and prompt engagement with and response to all correspondence sent to you by the GDC, by you adhering to the requirement to keep your address up to date with the GDC, an updated reflective statement from you, evidence of any further learning focussed on the Committee's findings, such as CPD, and documentary evidence of the embedding of the necessary changes in your practice.

21. The Committee hereby directs that your registration be suspended for a further period of three months, with a review hearing to take place prior to the end of that period of extended suspension.

Right of appeal

22. You will have 28 days from the date on which notice of this decision is deemed to have been served on you to appeal against this decision. Should you decide to appeal, the existing direction of suspension will remain in force until the resolution of any such appeal. Should you decide not to appeal, the current suspension will take effect at the end of the appeal period.
23. That concludes this case for today.