GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

GALLACHER, Melanie

[Registration number: 271492]

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 **16 November 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:

Andy Waite	Lay	Chair
Anjali Patel	Dentist	
Karen Suarez	DCP	

Legal Adviser:

Edward Hosking	Legal Adviser

CHARGE

GALLACHER, Melanie, a dental nurse, Diploma in Dental Nursing Level 3 QCF City & Guilds 2017 is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 16 November 2026, for an inquiry into the following charge:

The Charge

The hearing will be held to consider the following charge against you:

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The hearing will be held to consider the following charge against you:

"That being a registered as a Dental Care Professional:

1.On 27 February 2025, you were convicted at York Magistrates' Court of committing the following offence on 7 February 2025:

'Fail to provide a specimen for analysis – vehicle driver', in the course of an investigation into whether you had committed an offence under section 3A, 4, 5 or 5A contrary to section 7(6) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988.

2. You failed to immediately inform the General Dental Council that on 7 February 2025 you were charged with the offence set out in 1 above.

3. You failed to immediately inform the General Dental Council that on 27 February 2025 you were convicted of the offence set out in 1 above.

4. Your conduct in relation to 2 and/or 3 above was:

a) Misleading; and/or
b) Dishonest; and/or
c) Lacking in integrity.

And, by reason of the matters set out at 1-4, above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of conviction and/or misconduct.