

**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Professional Conduct Committee  
Initial Hearing**

**23 March 2026 – 1 April 2026**

**Name:** MULLINS, Peter Gerard

**Registration number:** 58591

**Case number:** CAS-210582-G4R5Y6

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**General Dental Council:** Miss Priya Malhotra, Counsel.  
Instructed by Rashidah Conroy, IHLPS

**Registrant:** Present  
Represented by Mr Scott Ivill, Counsel.  
Instructed by Medical Protection

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**Outcome:** Facts not proved, case concluded

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**Committee members:** Aysha Ahmed-Kibria (Dentist) (Chair)  
Julie Shaw (Dental Care Professional)  
John Vellacott (Lay)

**Legal adviser:** Alice Moller

**Committee Secretary:** Andrew Keeling

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## CHARGE

MULLINS, Peter Gerard a dentist, LDS Royal College of Surgeons Of England 1994 Diploma in General Dental Practice (UK) 1993 BDS Lond 1983 is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 23 March 2026 for an inquiry into the following charge:

*'That being registered as a dentist, Peter Mullins' (58591) fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct. In that:*

1. [PRIVATE]:
  - a. [PRIVATE];
  - b. [PRIVATE];
  - c. [PRIVATE];
  - d. [PRIVATE];
  - e. [PRIVATE];
  - f. [PRIVATE];
  - g. [PRIVATE].
2. [PRIVATE]:
  - a. [PRIVATE].
  - b. [PRIVATE].
3. [PRIVATE]:
  - a. [PRIVATE];
  - b. [PRIVATE];
  - c. [PRIVATE].
4. [PRIVATE]:
  - a. [PRIVATE].

Mr Mullins,

1. This was a Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) inquiry into the facts which formed the basis of the allegation against you that your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct.
2. You attended the hearing and you were represented by Mr Scott Ivill, Counsel. Miss Priya Malhotra, Counsel, presented the General Dental Council's (GDC) case. The hearing took place in person at the hearing suite of the Dental Professionals Hearing Service in Wimpole Street, London, between 23 March 2026 and 1 April 2026.

### **Preliminary Matters**

#### **Application for the Hearing to take place in Private**

3. At the beginning of the hearing, Miss Malhotra made an application for the hearing to take place entirely in private pursuant to Rule 53(1) and (2) of the GDC (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2006 (the Rules). Miss Malhotra provided written and oral submissions for the application.
4. [PRIVATE].
5. Mr Ivill supported the application.
6. The Committee heard and accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser as to the provisions of the Rules and the approach it should take.
7. The Committee was satisfied that the hearing should be held entirely in private for the reasons provided by Miss Malhotra. It therefore acceded to the application.

#### **Amendment to Charge (23 March 2026)**

8. Miss Malhotra made an application under Rule 18 of the Rules to amend head of charge 1 and charge 1(g) as outlined in her written submissions. [PRIVATE].

9. [PRIVATE]

10. Mr Ivill did not object to the proposed amendment.

#### **The Committee's Decision on Amendment of the Charge**

11. The Committee accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser, who referred the Committee to its powers as defined under Rule 18.
12. The Committee was satisfied that the amendments could be made without injustice to either party. It therefore acceded to Miss Malhotra's application to amend head of charge 1 and charge 1(g).

### Application under Rule 57 to admit hearsay evidence (23 March 2026)

13. The Committee heard submissions from Mr Ivill, on your behalf, and from Miss Malhotra, on behalf of the GDC, on the admission of hearsay evidence from the GDC. [PRIVATE]
14. It was agreed between parties that the Committee could hear their submissions in full in respect of the application without having sight of the relevant information. If, having heard the submissions, the Committee would wish to see the contested evidence then this could be made available. Miss Malhotra stated that Mr Ivill may wish to make his submissions first as to why he opposed the admission of the hearsay evidence. The Committee was content with this approach.

#### Submissions

15. Mr Ivill opposed the introduction of hearsay evidence [PRIVATE]
16. Mr Ivill referred the Committee to the cases of *The Queen (Bonhoeffer) v General Medical Council [2011] EWHC 1585 (Admin)*, *NMC v Ogbonna [2010] EWCA Civ 1216* and *Thorneycroft v Nursing and Midwifery Council [2014] EWHC 1565*. In particular, he referred the Committee to the principles set out in *Thorneycroft* which the Committee should consider when deciding on the application.

17. [PRIVATE]

18. Therefore, for these reasons, Mr Ivill invited the Committee to exclude the hearsay evidence [PRIVATE].

19. Miss Malhotra, on behalf of the GDC, referred the Committee to Rule 57 of the General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2006 (“the Rules”) and to the admissibility of evidence under the Civil Evidence Act 1995. [PRIVATE]

20. [PRIVATE]

21. [PRIVATE]

22. In conclusion, Miss Malhotra invited the Committee to admit the hearsay evidence as it was relevant and fair, [PRIVATE].

#### Legal Advice

23. The Legal Adviser referred the Committee to its powers under Rules 57(1) and 57(2), which are as follows:

(1) *A Practice Committee may in the course of the proceedings receive oral, documentary or other evidence that is admissible in civil proceedings in the appropriate court in that part of the United Kingdom in which the hearing takes place.*

(2) A Practice Committee may also, at their discretion, treat other evidence as admissible if, after consultation with the legal adviser, they consider that it would be helpful to the Practice Committee, and in the interests of justice, for that evidence to be heard.

24. The Legal Adviser advised that the Committee should first determine whether the evidence was relevant, as agreed by both parties. She then advised the Committee to consider fairness and referred to the principles as set out in *Thorneycroft*, and the cases of *Ogbonna* and *Bonhoeffer*.

### The Committee's Decision

25. The Committee took into account the submissions made by both parties and accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser.

26. Firstly, the Committee accepted that the hearsay evidence was potentially relevant [PRIVATE], as agreed by the parties. The Committee then went on to consider whether it would be fair to admit the evidence in principle.

27. [PRIVATE]

28. [PRIVATE]

29. In conclusion, the Committee determined that it would not be fair to you to admit [PRIVATE] evidence.

### The Factual Inquiry

#### Background

30. Miss Malhotra provided a written case summary and background to the case.

31. [PRIVATE.]

32. [PRIVATE]

33. [PRIVATE]

#### Evidence

34. By way of factual evidence from the GDC, the Committee was provided with the following signed witness statements with associated exhibits:

- [PRIVATE] and

- [PRIVATE]

35. [PRIVATE.]

36. [PRIVATE]

37. [PRIVATE].

38. As part of your case, the Committee was provided with your signed witness statement, dated 5 March 2026. You also provided 12 testimonials to support your case. Furthermore, you gave oral evidence at the hearing.

### The Committee's Findings of Fact

39. The Committee has considered all the documentary evidence presented to it. It took account of the submissions made by Miss Malhotra, on behalf of the GDC, and by Mr Ivill, on your behalf. The Committee heard and accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser. In accordance with that advice, it has considered each charge separately, bearing in mind that the burden of proof rests with the GDC and that the standard of proof is the civil standard, that is, whether the alleged matters are found proved on the balance of probabilities.

40. The Committee's findings in relation to each charge are as follows:

1.	<p>[PRIVATE]:</p>
	<p>a. [PRIVATE]; b. [PRIVATE];</p> <p><b>Found Not Proved</b></p> <p>The Committee considered charges 1(a) and (b) together.</p> <p>[IN PRIVATE]</p> <p>Taking all of this into account, the Committee determined that the GDC had not discharged the burden on it to prove charges 1(a) and 1(b).</p> <p>Accordingly, the Committee found charges 1(a) and (b) not proved.</p>
	<p>c. [PRIVATE];</p> <p><b>Found Not Proved</b></p> <p>[PRIVATE]</p>



	<p>Taking all of this into account, the Committee determined that the GDC had not discharged the burden on it to prove charge 1(c).</p> <p>Accordingly, the Committee found charges 1(c) not proved.</p>
	<p>d. [PRIVATE];</p> <p><b>Found Not Proved</b></p> <p>[PRIVATE]</p> <p>Taking all of this into account, the Committee determined that the GDC had not discharged the burden on it to prove charge 1(d).</p> <p>Accordingly, the Committee found this charge not proved.</p>
	<p>e. [PRIVATE];</p> <p><b>Found Not Proved</b></p> <p>[PRIVATE]</p> <p>Taking all of this into account, the Committee determined that the GDC had not discharged the burden on it to prove charge 1(e).</p> <p>Accordingly, the Committee found this charge not proved.</p>
	<p>f. [PRIVATE];</p> <p><b>Found Not Proved</b></p> <p>[PRIVATE]</p> <p>Taking all of this into account, the Committee determined that the GDC had not discharged the burden on it to prove charge 1(f).</p> <p>Accordingly, the Committee found this charge not proved.</p>
	<p>g. [PRIVATE].</p> <p><b>Found Not Proved</b></p> <p>[PRIVATE]</p> <p>Taking all of this into account, the Committee determined that the GDC had not discharged the burden on it to prove charge 1(g).</p>

	<p>Accordingly, the Committee found this charge not proved.</p>
2.	<p><b>[PRIVATE]</b></p> <p>a. <b>PRIVATE</b> b. <b>PRIVATE]</b></p> <p><b>Found Not Proved</b></p> <p>As the Committee found charge 1 not proved in its entirety, this charge is also not proved.</p>
3.	<p><b>[PRIVATE</b></p> <p>a. <b>PRIVATE;</b> b. <b>PRIVATE;</b> c. <b>PRIVATE]</b></p> <p><b>Found Not Proved</b></p> <p>The Committee considered charges 3(a), (b) and (c) together.</p> <p><b>[PRIVATE]</b></p> <p>Taking all of this into account, the Committee determined that the GDC had not discharged the burden on it to prove charges 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c).</p> <p>Accordingly, the Committee found this charge not proved.</p>
4.	<p><b>[PRIVATE</b></p> <p>a. <b>PRIVATE.]</b></p> <p><b>Found Not Proved</b></p> <p>As the Committee found charge 3 not proved in its entirety, this charge is also not proved.</p>

41. The Committee, therefore, has determined that in accordance with Rule 19 (13) of the Rules, as none of the alleged facts against you has been found proved, your fitness to practise as a dentist is not impaired.

42. That concludes this hearing.