

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

LORD, Siavash Toofani

[Registration number: 265237]

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

SUBSTANTIVE HEARING

Notice that an inquiry will be conducted by a Practice Committee of the General Dental Council, to be held at:

**The General Dental Council
37 Wimpole Street
London
W1G 8DQ**

Please note that some days of this hearing will take place in person at the Wimpole Street address listed above and some days will take place by remote video conference. Which days will be held in person or by remote video conference may be decided by the Committee during the hearing .

Commencing at **10:00am** on **12 May 2025**.

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Committee members

Anne Ng	DCP	Chair
Gill Jones (Shadow Chair)	Denist	
Paul Hepworth	Lay	

Advisers:

Alice Moller	Legal Adviser
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CHARGE

LORD, Siavash Toofani, a dentist, BDS University of Sheffield 2016 is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 12 May 2025 for an inquiry into the following charge:

“The Council alleges that you, Siavash Lord, a registered dentist:

1. At all material times you were working for Company A at Practice 1 (‘the Practice’) and provided treatment to the patients listed within the allegations.
2. Between 20 February 2020 and 22 July 2020, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of care for **Patient A** in that you did not:
 - a. Carry out, adequately or at all, a Basic Periodontal Examination (“BPE”);
 - b. Complete, adequately or at all, dental charting on 21 February 2020;
 - c. Undertake, adequately or at all, a dental history on 21 February 2020;
 - d. Assess, adequately or at all, the cause of incisal tooth wear on 21 February 2020;
 - e. Take appropriate radiographs prior to fitting whitening trays on 10 March 2020;
 - f. Discuss adequately or at all, the risks and benefits of composite bonding to the patient’s upper and / or lower teeth prior to 21 July 2020;
3. As a result of your conduct at 2(a) and / or 2(d) and / or 2(e) and / or 2(f), you did not obtain the patient’s valid consent for treatment.
4. Between 20 February 2020 and 22 July 2020, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient A** in that you did not record, adequately or at all:
 - a. A BPE;
 - b. Dental charting;
 - c. Dental history;
 - d. The cause of incisal tooth wear on 21 February 2020;
5. On or around 17 September 2020, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient B** in that you did not:
 - a. Record, adequately or at all, a BPE;
 - b. Record, adequately or at all, dental charting;
 - c. Amend templated notes.
6. On 20 July 2020 you failed to maintain an adequate standard of care for **Patient C** in that you:
 - a. Did not carry out adequately or at all, a BPE;
 - b. Did not complete, adequately or at all, dental charting
 - c. Took an Orthopantomogram on 20 July 2020 which was of insufficient diagnostic quality.

7. On or around 20 July 2020 you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient C** in that you did not record any or any adequate details of the patient's appointment.
8. Between 04 March 2020 and 04 July 2020, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of care for **Patient D** in that you did not:
 - a. Carry out, adequately or at all, a BPE on 05 March 2020;
 - b. Complete, adequately or at, dental charting on 05 March 2020;
 - c. Undertake, adequately or at all, a dental history on 05 March 2020;
 - d. Take appropriate radiographs prior to undertaking tooth whitening on 02 July 2020;
 - e. Take appropriate radiographs prior to placing restorations at the UL4 and UR4 on 30 July 2020;
9. As a result of your conduct at 8(a) and / or 8(b) and / or 8(d) and / or 8(e) above, you did not obtain the patient's valid consent for treatment.
10. On or around 05 March 2020, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient D** in that you did not record, adequately or at all:
 - a. A BPE;
 - b. Dental charting;
 - c. Dental history.
11. On 20 June 2020, you failed to provide an adequate standard of care to **Patient E** in that you did not diagnose and / or treat caries at the UR7 and / or LR6 and / or LL6.
12. Between 19 July 2020 and 07 January 2021, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of care for **Patient F** in that you:
 - a. Did not carry out, adequately or at all, a BPE;
 - b. Did not complete, adequately or at, dental charting;
 - c. Did not undertake, adequately or at all, a dental history;
 - d. Did not take any, or any adequate, bitewing radiographs;
 - e. Took an OPG on 20 July 2020 which was of insufficient diagnostic quality;
 - f. Did not treat or plan to treat, active periodontal disease present;
13. Your conduct at 12(a) and / or (f) above, exposed the patient at an increased risk of harm.
14. Between 19 July 2020 and 07 January 2021, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient F** in that you did not record, adequately or at all:
 - a. A BPE;
 - b. Dental charting;
 - c. Dental history.
15. Between 19 July 2020 and 22 January 2021, you failed to maintain an adequate

- standard of care for **Patient G** in that you did not:
- a. Carry out, adequately or at all, a BPE;
 - b. Complete, adequately or at, dental charting;
 - c. Carry out a detailed / adequate orthodontic assessment.
16. Between 19 July 2020 and 22 January 2021, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient G** in that you did not:
- a. Record, adequately or at all, a BPE;
 - b. Record, adequately or at all, dental charting;
 - c. Record, adequately or at all, dental history;
 - d. Amend templated notes.
17. Between 12 March 2020 and 04 September 2020 you failed to maintain an adequate standard of care for **Patient H** in that you did not:
- a. Carry out, adequately or at all, a BPE on 13 March 2020;
 - b. Complete, adequately or at, dental charting on 13 March 2020;
 - c. Take appropriate radiographs prior to undertaking tooth whitening on 01 July 2020;
 - d. Report, adequately or at all, on the radiograph taken on 29 July 2020.
18. As a result of your conduct at 17(a) and / or 17(c) above, you did not obtain the patient's valid consent for treatment.
19. On or around 13 March 2020, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient H** in that you did not record adequately or at all:
- a. A BPE;
 - b. Dental charting.
20. Between 19 July 2020 and 16 January 2021 you failed to maintain an adequate standard of care for **Patient I** in that you did not:
- a. Carry out, adequately or at all, a BPE;
 - b. Complete, adequately or at, dental charting.
21. Between 19 July 2020 and 16 January 2021, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient I**, in that you did not record, adequately or at all:
- a. A BPE;
 - b. Dental charting.
22. Between 15 January 2020 and 09 December 2020 you failed to maintain an adequate standard of care for **Patient J** in that you did not:
- a. Carry out, adequately or at all, a BPE;
 - b. Complete, adequately or at, dental charting.
23. Between 15 January 2020 and 09 December 2020, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient J** in that you did not record,

adequately or at all:

- a. A BPE;
 - b. Dental charting.
24. Between 18 June 2020 to 08 January 2021, you failed to provide an adequate standard of care to **Patient K**, in that you:
- a. Did not complete, adequately or at all, dental charting on 19 June 2020;
 - b. Took an OPG on 19 June 2020 which was of insufficient diagnostic quality;
 - c. Did not diagnose and / or treat caries at the UR7 and / or UR8.
25. On or around 19 June 2020, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient K** in that you did not record, adequately or at all, dental charting.
26. On or around 18 June 2020, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient L** in that you did not record, adequately or at all, details of the appointment.
27. Between 19 July 2020 and 18 December 2020, you failed to provide an adequate standard of care to **Patient M**, in that you did not:
- a. Carry out, adequately or at all, a BPE on 20 July 2020;
 - b. Complete, adequately or at all, dental charting on 20 July 2020;
 - c. Diagnose and / or treat caries at the LL7.
28. On or around 20 July 2020, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping for **Patient M** in that you did not record, adequately or at all:
- a. A BPE;
 - b. Dental charting.

Other matters

29. Between November 2020 and January 2021 you failed to store patient records securely in that you stored, or caused or allowed to be stored, patient data within:
- a. A cloud-based system;
 - b. A finance company application;
 - c. System(s) that was/were not approved by Bupa Dental Care.
30. On or before 22 February 2021 and at the time of the Covid-19 pandemic you failed to:
- a. Maintain adequate standards of cross infection control;
 - b. Adhere to rules of social distancing;
 - c. Ensure you were using Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE") correctly .
31. As a result of your conduct at 30(a) and / or (b) and / or (c) above, you put patient safety at risk.
32. Between 01 July 2020 and 31 January 2021, you misappropriated monies from

Bupa Dental Care by causing and / or allowing:

- a. Patients to pay money into your bank account; and / or
- b. Patients to make payment through a finance company which was then paid into your bank account.

33. Your conduct at 32 above was:

- a. Misleading, in that you were not entitled to receive monies from patients;
- b. Dishonest, in that you knew the monies should have been paid directly to Bupa.

34. On or around 03 February 2021 you told Bupa Dental Care that the diversion of patient funds to your bank account was directly linked to the suspension of patient finance.

35. The information provided to Bupa as detailed at 34 above was incorrect.

36. Your conduct at 34 above was:

- a. Misleading, as it suggested that funds had not been diverted until patient finance had been suspended;
- b. Dishonest, as you knew the diversion of patient funds had begun before any patient finance had been suspended.

37. For a period up until 03 February 2021 you stated on your social media page that you were a 'Dental Practice Owner'.

38. Your conduct at 37 above was:

- a. Misleading, as it suggested you owned a dental practice, when you did not;
- b. Dishonest, as it was intended to convey that you owned a dental practice, when you did not.

And by reason of the matters identified above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of your misconduct and / or deficient professional performance."