

PRIVATE HEARING

Health Committee Initial Hearing

5-9 January 2026

Name: CARRINGTON, April Maureen

Registration number: 212042

Case number: CAS-205419-S2M9Z4

General Dental Council: Abimbola Johnson of Counsel
Instructed by Carly Smith of IHLPS

Registrant: Not present
Unrepresented

Fitness to practise: Impaired by reason of misconduct
and adverse physical or mental health

Outcome: Erased

Immediate order: Immediate order of suspension

Committee members: Zareen Elleby (Chair) (DCP)
Melissa Oura (Dentist)
Jeannett Martin (Lay)

Legal adviser: William Hoskins

Committee Secretary: Paul Carson

At this hearing the Committee made a determination that includes some private information. That information shall be omitted from the public version of this determination and the document marked to show where private material is removed.

1. Ms Carrington was neither present nor represented at the hearing, which was conducted remotely.
2. Ms Johnson, on behalf of the General Dental Council (GDC), submitted that notice of this hearing had been served on Ms Carrington in accordance with the requirements of the General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2006 (the 'Rules') and that the hearing should proceed notwithstanding her absence.
3. Ms Johnson also applied for the hearing to be held entirely in private under Rule 53 of the Rules. The Committee accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser on the scope of Rule 53 and the requirements of open justice. The Committee acceded to Ms Johnson's application and directed that the entire hearing be held in private to protect Ms Carrington's right to a private and family life, as the matters under consideration are inextricably linked to her alleged health. Accordingly, no members of the public or the press were allowed to be present at the hearing and the following text of determination marked 'PRIVATE' shall not be published.

[Paragraphs 4-69 PRIVATE]

70. On 8 January 2025, the Committee found charges 1(a)-(b), 2, 3, 6(a)-(b) and 7 proved. The Committee found charges 4(a)-(b) and 5 not proved. The Committee determined that Ms Carrington's fitness to practise as a Dental Nurse is currently impaired by reason of misconduct and adverse physical or mental health and directed that her name be erased from the DCP register.
71. The interim suspension order is hereby revoked in accordance with section 36P(10) of the Dentists Act 1984 and the Committee invites submissions on the question of an immediate order.

72. The Committee determined that it is necessary for the protection of the public and is otherwise in the public interest to make an immediate order of suspension under section 36U(1) of the Dentists Act 1984. It would be inconsistent with the above determination not to make an immediate order.
73. The effect of this immediate order is that Ms Carrington's registration will be immediately suspended upon notification of this decision being served on her. Unless she exercises her right of appeal, her name shall be erased from the DCP register under the title of Dental Nurse upon the expiry of the 28-day appeal period. Should she exercise her right of appeal, this immediate order shall remain in force pending the disposal of the appeal.
74. That concludes the hearing.