

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

GOOCH, Jessica Hannah

[Registration number: 229873]

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

SUBSTANTIVE HEARING

Notice that an inquiry will be conducted by a Practice Committee of the General Dental Council, commencing at **9.30am** on 9 April 2025.

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:

Sue Stevens	Dentist	Chair
Fiona Abbott	Lay	
Julie Byrom	DCP	

Legal Adviser:

Alain Gogarty	Legal Adviser
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CHARGE

Jessica Hannah GOOCH, a dental nurse, NVQ L3 Dental Nursing & VRQ L3 Dental Nursing City & Guilds 2011 is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 9 April for an inquiry into the following charge:

“That being registered as a dental nurse:

1. From 24th July 2023, onwards, you failed to cooperate with an investigation conducted by the GDC, in that you:
 - a. refused to participate in an assessment of your alleged health condition; and/or
 - b. failed to respond to communication from the GDC.
2. Your alleged health condition, referred to by Charge 1(a), concerned your alleged abuse of a Class A drug, namely cocaine.

AND that by reason of the matters alleged, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of your misconduct.”