

**HEARING PART IN PRIVATE**  
**Health Committee**  
**Review Hearing**

**22 August 2025**

**Name:** MAZONI, Lucy Jayne

**Registration number:** 156446

**Case number:** CAS-197080-L5D8X5

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**General Dental Council:** Instructed by Eileen McMahon IHLPS

**Registrant:** Not present and not represented

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

**Outcome:** Suspended indefinitely

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**Committee members:** Chris Weigh (Chair, lay member)  
Victoria Hewson (Dental Care Professional member)  
Rose Thomas (Dentist member)

**Legal adviser:** Rosemary Rollason

**Committee Secretary:** Jenny Hazell

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

1. This is a resumed hearing pursuant to Section 36Q of the Dentists Act 1984 (as amended) ('the Act'). The purpose of this hearing is for this Health Committee (HC) to review Mrs Mazoni's case and determine what action to take in relation to her registration. The hearing took place remotely on Microsoft Teams.

2. Neither party was present nor represented today. The General Dental Council (GDC) requested that the hearing be conducted on the papers and it provided written representations.

### **Decision on Service of the Notice of Hearing**

3. The Committee first considered whether notice of the hearing had been served on Mrs Mazoni in accordance with Rules 28 and 65 of the GDC's Fitness to Practise Rules 2006 ('the Rules') and Section 50A of the Act. The Committee received from the GDC a bundle, which contained a copy of the Notice of Hearing ('the notice'), dated 8 July 2025. The notice was sent by special delivery and first-class post to Mrs Mazoni's registered address. The Committee had before it a copy of a Royal Mail document which confirmed that the notice was delivered and signed for on 9 July 2025. The notice was also emailed to Mrs Mazoni on 8 July 2025.

4. The Committee was satisfied that the notice sent to Mrs Mazoni contained proper notification of today's hearing, including its time, date and confirmation and that it will be conducted remotely. It also set out that the GDC proposed that the review hearing will take place on the papers in the absence of the parties. In addition, the Committee was satisfied that the Notice was sent to Mrs Mazoni on 8 July 2025, more than 28 days in advance of the date of today's hearing.

5. On the basis of the information provided, the Committee was satisfied that notice had been served on Mrs Mazoni in accordance with the Rules and the Act.

### **Decision on Proceeding in the Registrant's Absence**

6. The Committee next considered whether to exercise its discretion under Rule 54 to proceed with the hearing in the absence of Mrs Mazoni. The Committee approached the issue of proceeding in absence with the utmost care and caution. It remained mindful of the need to be fair to both Mrs Mazoni and the GDC, taking into account the public interest and Mrs Mazoni's own interests in the expeditious review of the suspension order imposed.

7. The Committee was satisfied that all reasonable efforts had been taken by the GDC to send the notice to Mrs Mazoni's registered address in accordance with the Rules. It noted that the GDC had sent a chaser email to Mrs Mazoni on 23 July 2025 in respect of the hearing taking place on the papers and asked her to confirm whether she was content for the hearing to proceed along that basis by 1 August 2025. The email further stated that if no response was received by that date, arrangements would be made for the hearing to proceed on the papers. No response was received from Mrs Mazoni.

8. The Committee has borne in mind that Mrs Mazoni did not attend the initial Health Committee (HC) hearing which took place in November 2022. Further, she has not engaged with the GDC proceedings since then. The last communication from Mrs Mazoni to the GDC was by email dated 27 April 2023. The Committee also noted that there is a statutory duty for the order to be reviewed before its expiry.

9. The Committee concluded that Mrs Mazoni has voluntarily absented herself and that an adjournment would be unlikely to secure her attendance.

10. Accordingly, the Committee determined that it was fair and appropriate to proceed with the hearing in the absence of Mrs Mazoni and on the papers.

### Private Hearing

11. The GDC, in its written submissions, applied for today's hearing to be held in private pursuant to Rule 53(2). This was on the basis that this case relate to Mrs Mazoni's health and as such it is necessary to protect the private and family life of Mrs Mazoni. The Committee inferred that the GDC is inviting the Committee to conduct the whole hearing in private.

12. The Committee had regard to the advice from the Legal Adviser in respect of the provisions of Rule 53(2). The Committee has borne in mind that this case relates to Mrs Mazoni's health and her misconduct. In these circumstances, the Committee considered that it would be appropriate for those parts of the hearing which relate to Mrs Mazoni's health be heard in private in accordance with Rule 53 and for those matters concerning her misconduct to be heard in public.

### HC initial hearing November 2022

13. On 30 November 2022, the HC found Mrs Mazoni's fitness to practise as a dental nurse to be impaired by reason of: (i) misconduct; (ii) conviction; and (iii) adverse physical or mental health. Mrs Mazoni was neither present nor represented at the hearing before the HC but had made written submissions which the HC took into account.

14. The HC summarised Mrs Mazoni's misconduct as follows:

*"...between 23 November 2020 and 30 April 2021, Mrs Mazoni failed to co-operate with a GDC investigation. It has also found that [IN PRIVATE]. The Committee has also found that on 21 September 2020 Mrs Mazoni failed to protect patient confidentiality.*

*The Committee considers that Mrs Mazoni's conduct fell far short of the standards reasonably expected of a dental care professional. The Committee considers that Mrs Mazoni's failure to co-operate with the GDC's investigation over a number of months, despite having had numerous opportunities to engage, as well as her failure to protect patient confidentiality, represent breaches of fundamental tenets of the profession. The Committee notes that the patient information in question concerned sensitive COVID-19 information, and that there was a COVID-19 pandemic at the time.*

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*... The Committee finds that Mrs Mazoni's misconduct was serious, and would be considered by her fellow practitioners to be deplorable..."*

15. In finding Mrs Mazoni's fitness to practise to be impaired by reason of misconduct, the HC bore in mind that it had been provided with limited information to suggest that "*Mrs Mazoni has insight into, and has remedied, her misconduct.*" Further, Mrs Mazoni had not provided any further information to suggest that she had reflected upon how her misconduct may have affected the safety, trust and confidence of patients, the wider public and her colleagues or how she would act differently in the future. It determined that a finding of impairment was also required in order to declare and uphold proper standards of conduct and behaviour and to maintain trust and confidence in the profession.

16. The HC did not identify a continuing risk to the public in light of Mrs Mazoni's conviction. However, the HC concluded that a finding of impairment was required in order to declare and uphold proper standards of conduct and behaviour and to maintain trust and confidence in the profession.

17. In finding Mrs Mazoni's fitness to practise to be impaired by reason of adverse physical or mental health, the HC stated:

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18. The HC directed that Mrs Mazoni's registration be suspended for a period of nine months with a review hearing to take place before the expiry of the order. It also indicated that the reviewing HC would be assisted by evidence in relation to Mrs Mazoni's health as well as a reflective piece from her on her conduct.

### HC review 12 September 2023

19. The HC reviewed Mrs Mazoni's case at a hearing on 12 September 2023. The hearing took place on the papers with neither the GDC nor Mrs Mazoni in attendance. That HC noted that:

*"There was no record before the Committee of any response or engagement from Mrs Mazoni regarding her attendance or otherwise at this hearing. The last record of any communication is an email exchange between Mrs Mazoni and the GDC on 27 April 2023. In that exchange, Mrs Mazoni stated that [IN PRIVATE] she had changed career and did not intend to return to dental nursing. The GDC replied to inform her that if her firm intention was not to return to dental nursing she might be eligible to apply for voluntary removal from the DCP register, in response to which Mrs Mazoni stated: "Yes, it is my firm intention not to work in dentistry again. If you could send me the form to remove myself from the register I would be very grateful."*

*The GDC then sent to Mrs Mazoni information on how to apply for voluntary removal. There is no record before the Committee of Mrs Mazoni pursuing the application for voluntary removal or of any further response or communication from her."*

20. The HC determined that Mrs Mazoni's fitness to practise remained impaired by reason of misconduct and adverse health. However, it was satisfied that Mrs Mazoni's fitness to practise was no longer impaired by reason of her conviction given that her period of disqualification from driving had expired. It further considered that the nine months period of suspension previously directed by the HC had been sufficient to mark the seriousness of Mrs Mazoni's conviction.

21. The HC directed that the suspension of Mrs Mazoni's registration be extended for a further period of 12 months and that the order should be reviewed before its expiry.

### HC hearing 22 August 2024

22. The HC reviewed the order on 22 August 2024, on the papers, in the absence of parties. The HC noted that Mrs Mazoni had not engaged with the GDC since the HC review hearing in September 2023. Further, Mrs Mazoni had not responded to the GDC's emails dated 24 July 2024 and 2 August 2024, inviting her to undergo a health assessment. There was no evidence before the HC that Mrs Mazoni had undertaken any remediation, shown any insight into the matters found proved or provided any information about her current state of health. The HC concluded that the concerns about her misconduct and her health had not been addressed. It therefore determined that Mrs Mazoni's fitness to practise remained impaired by reason of misconduct and her adverse health.

23. The HC directed that Mrs Mazoni's registration be suspended for a further period of 12 months, with a review to take place before its expiry

### **Today's review hearing**

24. The Committee has carried out a comprehensive review of the order. In so doing, it has had regard to the GDC's bundle of documents and its written submissions. The GDC stated that Mrs Mazoni has not engaged with the GDC since the review hearing on 22 August 2024 or responded to any correspondence sent to her.

25. On 2 May 2025 the GDC sent an email to Mrs Mazoni, inviting her to provide evidence in relation to her health and a reflective piece. No response was received.

26. On 22 May 2025 the GDC sent an email to Mrs Mazoni, inviting her to undertake a health assessment to be arranged by the GDC. No response was received. A further chaser email was sent to Mrs Mazoni on 12 June 2025 but no response was received.

27. The GDC's position is that Mrs Mazoni has not provided any evidence of remediation or insight into her misconduct, or any information in respect of her health condition. Therefore, the GDC submitted that Mrs Mazoni's fitness to practise remains impaired by reason of her misconduct and health. The GDC invited the Committee to direct that Mrs Mazoni's registration be suspended indefinitely in accordance with Section 36Q(1)(d) of the Act. The GDC set out the timeline of Mrs Mazoni's suspension, which complies with the Act.

### **Committee's Decision on Impairment**

28. The Committee has carried out a comprehensive review as per the request of the GDC. In so doing, the Committee had careful regard to all the documentary evidence before it and took account of the GDC's written submissions. No written submissions were received by or on behalf of Mrs Mazoni. The Committee accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser. The Committee had regard to the *Guidance for the Practice Committees including Indicative Sanctions Guidance, October 2016, revised December 2020, ("PCC Guidance")*.

29. The Committee first considered whether Mrs Mazoni's fitness to practise remains impaired by reason of her misconduct and/or her adverse health. It exercised its independent judgement on this matter. It balanced Mrs Mazoni's needs with those of the public and bore in mind that its primary duty is to protect the public, including by maintaining public confidence in the profession and declaring and upholding proper standards and behaviour.

30. The Committee is aware that there is a persuasive burden on Mrs Mazoni to demonstrate that her fitness to practise is not currently impaired. However, there has continued to be no engagement with these proceedings from Mrs Mazoni since the HC review hearing in August 2024. She has not responded to the GDC's requests for information. There is therefore no evidence before this Committee that Mrs Mazoni has undertaken any remediation, shown any insight into the matters found proved or provided any information about her current state of health. Further, there is nothing to suggest that Mrs Mazoni wishes to engage with the GDC at a future date.

31. In light of this, the Committee concluded that there has been no material change since the initial HC hearing in November 2022 or indeed at subsequent review hearings, and the concerns about her misconduct have not been addressed. The Committee considers that Mrs Mazoni remains a risk to patient safety and has therefore determined that her fitness to practise remains impaired by reason of misconduct.

32. [In private]. It has therefore determined that Mrs Mazoni's fitness to practise remains impaired by reason of her adverse health.

### **Committee's Decision on Sanction**

33. The Committee next considered what sanction, if any, should be imposed on Mrs Mazoni's registration. It bore in mind the need to protect patients and the public interest. The Committee once again had regard to the principle of proportionality, weighing the interests of the public with Mrs Mazoni's own interests.

34. The Committee was satisfied that taking no action and allowing the current suspension to expire would not protect the public. The Committee was also satisfied that imposing conditions would not be workable owing to Mrs Mazoni's continuing non-engagement with these proceedings. Conditions would not be in the public interest or protect patients as there is no evidence before this Committee that the concerns about her misconduct and health have been addressed.

35. The Committee then went on to consider whether to extend the direction of suspension or to make a direction that her registration be suspended indefinitely.

36. The Committee noted there has been no material change in the circumstances of this case since the last review, and no progress since the suspension order was originally imposed by the HC in November 2022. The Committee also had regard to Mrs Mazoni's email to the GDC dated 27 April 2023 in which she stated that she does not intend to return to dental nursing. There is no indication that Mrs Mazoni will start engaging in the process. For all these reasons, the Committee decided that a further extension of the current order of suspension would serve no useful purpose.

37. Accordingly, the Committee directs the indefinite suspension of Mrs Mazoni's registration in accordance with section 36Q of the Act. In making this direction, the Committee is satisfied that the criteria for imposing an indefinite suspension have been met. It noted from the GDC's written submissions that Mrs Mazoni will have been suspended continuously for a period of at least two years on the date upon which the direction takes effect (the initial order having started on 3 January 2023) and that the direction for indefinite suspension will be within two months of the expiry date of the current order of suspension (which is 2 October 2025), in accordance with the requirements specified in section 36Q(1)(d)(i) and (ii) of the Act. In the light of Mrs Mazoni's continuing lack of engagement, the Committee is further satisfied that indefinite suspension is proportionate and appropriate.

38. Unless Mrs Mazoni exercises her right of appeal, her registration will be suspended indefinitely, 28 days from the date that notice of this direction is deemed to have been served upon her. In the event that Mrs Mazoni exercises her right of appeal, the suspension order currently in place on her registration will remain in force until the resolution of the appeal.

39. That concludes this case for today.