

**Hearing part held in private**

**Professional Conduct Committee  
Review Hearing**

**14 May 2026**

**Name:** Moazzam, Sana  
**Registration number:** 229821  
**Case number:** CAS-201587-V9H6W

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**General Dental Council:** Peta-Louise Bagott of counsel.  
Instructed by Jalpa Patel of IHLP

**Registrant:** Present and unrepresented

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**Fitness to practise:** Impaired by reason of misconduct  
**Outcome:** Conditions extended (with a review)  
**Duration:** 18 months

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**Committee members:** Harpreet Ark (Chair and dentist member)  
Helen Eatherton (Lay member)  
Rachel McCoubrey (DCP member)

**Legal adviser:** Karen Rea

**Committee Secretary:** Paul Carson

Ms Moazzam,

1. This is a resumed hearing for the purposes of section 27C of the Dentists Act 1984. On the joint application of the parties, the hearing was held partly in private under Rule 53 of the General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2006 to protect your right to a private and family life. The hearing was held in private in so far as reference was to be made to personal circumstances which had impacted on your ability to resume practice over the past several months, including caring responsibilities. This determination shall be announced entirely in public without narrating the detail of those personal circumstances.
2. On 18 August 2025, the Professional Conduct Committee (the 'initial PCC') found your fitness to practise as a dentist to be impaired by reason of misconduct and directed that your registration be made subject to your compliance with conditions for a period of 9 months with a review.
3. The misconduct related to your clinical care and treatment of three patients in 2021/22. The initial PCC summarised the misconduct as follows:

*"...The Committee has found proved that your practice was poor in respect of all three patients. This was in relation to a number of clinical areas including radiographic practice, treatment planning, diagnostic assessments, cross infection control and record keeping. In addition, it was found proved you took an incorrect tooth out as well as failed to adequately refer a patient to a dental therapist.*

*You stated in your oral evidence and reflections document that you appreciate that your clinical failings fell below the professional standards. You also recognised that patient safety depends on this. The Committee has had regard to Mr Bateman's evidence. His opinion, as set out in his report dated 25 April 2025, was that your standard of care fell far below the standard expected in respect of all the heads of charge, apart from head of charge 5(a) in respect of a radiographic interval. The Committee accepts Mr Bateman's evidence on this point..."*

4. In finding your fitness to practise to be impaired by reason of misconduct, the initial PCC stated:

*"...The Committee considered that your misconduct was serious and was not an isolated incident. Your actions have brought the profession into disrepute in that you have breached the fundamental tenets of the profession – namely putting patients' care and interests first. In the Committee's view, you have in the past acted so as to put patients at unwarranted risk of harm and this has in the past brought the dental profession into disrepute.*

*The Committee then considered whether the misconduct found proved is remediable. The Committee considered that your misconduct is capable of being remedied by targeted learning and development of your knowledge, and a phased, supervised period of clinical practice.*

*The Committee has taken the remedial work into consideration, including peer reviews, CPD and audits. It has borne in mind your admissions at the outset and your acceptance that your conduct constitutes misconduct. The Committee has acknowledged that your insight and reflections into your clinical deficiencies has greatly improved. However, it has concerns that your insight into your deskilling has not fully developed, given that you now acknowledge that you lacked the necessary clinical skills and experience, having not worked in clinical practice for 6 years before joining the Community Dental Service. Yet after a further 3 years of being out of clinical practice, you now maintain that you are fit to practise with some degree of support. Notwithstanding your assurances that you will not repeat the identified clinical failings, the Committee is concerned that you have de-skilled further and therefore there is a risk of repetition. Accordingly, the Committee has concluded that your fitness to practise as a dentist is impaired by reason of your misconduct on the grounds of the protection of the public.*

*The Committee considered it is highly unlikely that any of your adverse health conditions, which it accepts that you are now able to self-monitor, will currently affect your safe clinical practice.*

*The Committee has also kept in mind the wider public interest, which includes maintaining confidence in the dental profession and the GDC as its regulator and declaring and upholding proper standards and behaviour. In the Committee's view, the public confidence in the dental profession would be significantly undermined if a finding of impairment were not made.*

*The Committee accordingly determined that your fitness to practise is currently impaired by reason of your misconduct on both public protection and public interest grounds..."*

5. The conditions imposed by the initial PCC included a requirement that you work under direct supervision. The initial PCC stated: *"The period of conditional registration shall be for 9 months with a review prior to the expiry of that period. The Committee is satisfied that this period of time should be sufficient for you to demonstrate evidence that you are competent dentist for the next reviewing Committee."*

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6. It is the role of the Committee today to undertake the review directed by the initial PCC. The Committee had regard to all the material put before it, including your reflective statement in which you discussed the impact of your caring responsibilities on your ability to return to practice and complete your remediation within the timeframe envisaged by the initial PCC. In your reflective statement, you went on to explain:

*"...Despite these difficulties, I remain committed to remediation, reflection, and professional improvement. At present my circumstances have become more manageable. I am now in a better position to undertake professional development activities and pursue opportunities for supervised practice in order to demonstrate safe, effective, and professional conduct.*

*I respectfully request that the Committee grants me an opportunity to engage in remediation activities, including hands-on clinical courses, continued professional*

*development activities, and engaging in mentoring and supervised practice relevant to the areas identified by the Committee. My aim is not only to strengthen my knowledge and skills, but also to evidence reflection, learning, and measurable improvement in professional practice.*

*I fully recognise the importance of maintaining the standards expected by the profession and the responsibility that comes with public trust. I am committed to addressing the concerns raised and demonstrating sustained insight, professionalism, and safe practice.*

*In addition, I am seeking opportunities to practise in a supervised and appropriately supported environment to demonstrate consistency and adherence to professional standards, and the ability to apply learning effectively in 'real-world' settings.*

*My objective is to provide the Committee with clear evidence of remediation, insight, and a sustained commitment to professional values. I am fully prepared to comply with any conditions, or reporting requirements considered necessary by the Committee, with patient welfare and public protection remaining at the forefront of all my actions..."*

7. Ms Bagott, on behalf on the General Dental Council (GDC), submitted that your fitness to practise continues to be impaired by reason of misconduct on the same basis found by the initial PCC. She stated that the Council acknowledges that you had been unable to return to practice to continue your remediation for reasons which were beyond your control. She submitted that the conditions on your registration should be extended by a further period of 18 months with a review. She submitted this would allow you sufficient time to return to practice once your circumstances allow, and to demonstrate that the deficiencies in your practice identified by the initial PCC have been satisfactorily addressed.

8. You confirmed to the Committee that you agree that the conditions on your registration should be extended by a further period of 18 months.

### Decision

9. The Committee accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser.

10. The Committee had regard to the *Guidance for the Practice Committees, including Indicative Sanctions Guidance* (October 2016, last revised December 2020) (as in force at the time of the initial PCC).

11. The Committee determined that your fitness to practise continues to be impaired by reason of misconduct for the same reasons expressed by the initial PCC. For understandable reasons beyond your control, you had been unable to resume work to complete your remediation within the timeframe envisaged by the initial PCC. There has therefore been no progress in your remediation since the initial PCC. In particular, there is no evidence of any embedded improvement in practice. The Committee today is in no different a position to the initial PCC. You have now been out of clinical practice for some ten years overall, which gives rise to a risk of significant deskilling and which poses a risk to the public should you be allowed to resume unrestricted practice at this stage. The Committee noted that you have taken positive steps to arrange the commencement of your remediation, including relevant courses. In the Committee's judgment, your written outline

of your intentions as to your return to safe practice indicates some insight. The Committee concluded that, therefore, you will need a further considerable period of time to put that into practice, which you agreed with and as reflected in the proposal by the GDC.

12. Having determined that your fitness to practise continues to be impaired, the next consideration for the Committee was what further action, if any, to take in respect of your registration. The Committee determined that the continued restriction of your registration remains necessary for the protection of the public and to meet the wider public interest. You have continued to engage fully in these proceedings and express a clear commitment to take the next steps in your remediation to address the shortcomings identified by the initial PCC. Whilst you are yet to resume clinical practice under supervision, the Committee was satisfied that the carefully formulated conditions of the initial PCC remain workable and proportionate in their current form. What is needed is further time to give you the opportunity to resume clinical practice under supervision and to demonstrate embedded improvement in practice.

13. The Committee is in agreement with the submission of the GDC, accepted by you, that 18 months would be appropriate to allow you sufficient time to return to supervised practice and to demonstrate remediation.

14. Accordingly, the Committee directs that the conditions on your registration be extended by a further period of 18 months beginning on the date they would have otherwise expired. The extended period of conditional registration shall be reviewed prior to its expiry.

15. The conditions shall continue to appear against your name in the Register as follows:

1. *She must notify the GDC within 7 days of any professional appointment she accepts or is currently undertaking and provide the contact details of her employer or any organisation for which she is contracted to provide dental services and the Commissioning Body on whose Dental Performers List she is included or Local Health Board if in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.*
2. *She must allow the GDC to exchange information with her employer or any organisation for which she is contracted to provide dental services, and any workplace supervisor referred to in these conditions.*
3. *She must inform the GDC within 7 days of any formal disciplinary proceedings taken against her, from the date these conditions take effect.*
4. *She must inform the GDC within 7 days of any complaints made against her from the date these conditions take effect.*
5. *She must inform the GDC within 7 days if she applies for dental employment outside the UK.*
6. *At any time that she is employed, or providing dental services, which require her to be registered with the GDC, she must place herself and remain under the direct supervision\* of a workplace supervisor working at the same practice. The workplace supervisor must be approved by the GDC. The workplace supervisor must be a GDC registrant in the same category of the register as the Registrant or higher. The*

*Registrant must not return to general dental practice until a workplace supervisor has been approved by the GDC.*

7. *She must seek reports from her workplace supervisor and provide these to the GDC every 3 months, and 14 days prior to any review hearing. The workplace supervisor's reports should address, but are not limited to, the following areas:*
  - a. *Confirmation that the Registrant is complying with their conditions;*
  - b. *Details of the Registrant's working practice and any concerns raised about her fitness to practise;*
  - c. *Information about the Registrant's progress in relation to her practice in the following areas:*
    - (i) *Radiography*
    - (ii) *Assessment and treatment planning*
    - (iii) *Referral Practice*
    - (iv) *Record keeping*
    - (v) *Extractions*
    - (vi) *Maintaining adequate standards of cross-infection control*
8. *She must allow the GDC to exchange information relating to her conditions of practice with her workplace supervisor.*
9. *She must keep her professional commitments under review and limit her dental practice in accordance with her workplace supervisor's advice.*
10. *She must not work as a locum or undertake any out-of-hours work or on-call duties*
11. *At any time that she is employed, or providing dental services, which require her to be registered with the GDC she shall carry out audits of her work which should be signed by her workplace supervisor and provided to the GDC every 3 months and 14 days prior to any review hearing. She shall maintain logs of:*
  - a. *Radiography*
  - b. *Assessment and treatment planning*
  - c. *Referral Practice*
  - d. *Record keeping*
  - e. *Extractions*
  - f. *Maintaining adequate standards of cross-infection control*
12. *She must inform the following parties within 7 days that her registration is subject to the conditions listed at (1) to (11); and provide evidence to the GDC that this has taken place within 7 days thereafter:*
  - *Her workplace supervisor*

- *Any organisation or person employing or contracting with her to undertake dental work;*
- *Any prospective employer (at the time of application);*
- *The Commissioning Body in whose Dental Performers List she is included, or seeking inclusion (at the time of application);*
- *All members of any dental team at any place at which she is employed*

13. *She must permit the GDC to disclose the above public conditions, (1 to 12), to any person requesting information about her registration status.*

**\*Directly Supervised:** the workplace supervisor must observe the registrant's day-to-day work, or the particular element(s) of the registrant's work, as prescribed in the relevant condition or undertaking. The workplace supervisor must always be on site and available to directly observe the specified element(s) when the registrant is working. Where the workplace supervisor is unavailable through illness or planned absence, the registrant must not carry out the specified element(s) of their work unless an approved alternative workplace supervisor is in place. Conditions or undertakings will specify which element(s) of a registrant's practice to observe.

16. That concludes this hearing.