

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

GOWER, Christopher Patrick

[Registration number: 208200]

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

SUBSTANTIVE HEARING

Notice that an inquiry will be conducted by a Practice Committee of the General Dental Council, commencing at **10:00am on 9 February 2026**.

Please note that this hearing will be conducted remotely by video conference.

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Committee members

Anne Ng	DCP	Chair
Sophie Wilson	Dentist	
Jim Hurden	Lay	

Advisers:

Angus Macpherson	Legal Adviser
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CHARGE

GOWER, Christopher Patrick, a Clinical Dental Technician and Dentist Technician, Diploma Clinical Dental Technology University of Lancashire 2014, Foundation Degree in Dental Technology Manchester Metropolitan University 2010 is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 9 February 2026 for an inquiry into the following charge:

“That being registered as a dental care professional Christopher Gower’s (208200) fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct and/or deficient professional performance. In that:

1. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to the following patients, in that:
 - a. You did not establish and/or update the medical histories of the following patients, prior to commencing or taking over their treatment:
 - i. Patient G
 - ii. Patient H
 - iii. Patient L
 - iv. Patient P
 - v. Patient Q
 - vi. Patient R
 - vii. Patient S
 - viii. Patient V
 - ix. Patient W
 - x. Patient X
 - b. In relation to Patient K, you provided her with a lower acrylic denture, having agreed to provide her with, and/or charged her for the provision of, a chrome metal lower denture.
 - c. In relation to Patient L, you did not complete her treatment or refer to another dental care professional who could complete it instead of you.
2. You failed to obtain informed consent for the provision of a lower acrylic denture to Patient K, on or before 9 August 2019.
3. You failed to respond adequately to complaints made by the following patients:
 - a. Patient K
 - b. Patient M
 - c. Patient N
4. You failed to act in a professional manner, whilst providing services as a clinical dental technician, in that:
 - a. In relation to Patient L:

- i. You did not attend scheduled appointments and/or you cancelled them at short notice
- b. In relation to Patient W:
 - i. On 30 August 2019, you cancelled an appointment with Patient W without informing the patient.
- 5. You provided, or continued the provision of, denture treatment to the following patients, without being in receipt of a written prescription from a dentist:
 - a. Patient C, on or before 10 June 2019
 - b. Patient G, on or before 31 December 2018
 - c. Patient H, on or before 8 July 2019
 - d. Patient I, on or before 8 July 2019
 - e. Patient K, on or before 9 August 2019
 - f. Patient L, on or before 5 August 2019
 - g. Patient Q, on or before 20 September 2019
 - h. Patient V, on or before 2 September 2019
- 6. By reason of your actions in charge 5 above:
 - a. You acted beyond the scope of your practice.
 - b. You failed to obtain informed consent for the denture treatment provided.
- 7. Your actions in charge 5 and/or 6 above, were:
 - a. Misleading
 - b. Lacking in integrity
 - c. Dishonest, in that you knowingly omitted to inform patients of the need for there to be a prescription from a dentist, so that you could undertake denture treatment for remuneration, without having to arrange for the patient to see a dentist and/or obtain a prescription first."