

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

CAIRNS, Michael James Rowley

[Registration number: 277814]

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 14 October 2024.

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:	Susan Stevens	(Dentist) (Chair)
	Goan Hart	(Lay)
	Louise Fletcher	(DCP)

Legal Adviser:	Megan Ashworth
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CHARGE

CAIRNS, Michael James Rowley, a dentist, BDS Queen's University of Belfast 2018 is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 14 October 2024 for an inquiry into the following charge:

"That being a registered dentist:

1. On 11 October 2022, you commenced providing treatment to Patient A, namely irrigation of sockets, without providing local anaesthetic, when Patient A had not refused local anaesthetic and had not consented to proceeding without it.
2. On 11 October 2022, you continued to provide treatment to Patient A, despite her withdrawing her consent to the treatment, and her communicating her withdrawal of consent by:
 - a. Saying "no"
 - b. Saying "stop"
 - c. Raising her hand, as advised to do if she wanted to stop the treatment
 - d. Grabbing your hand with which you were performing the treatment

AND that by reason of the matters alleged above, your fitness to practice is impaired by reason of misconduct".