

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

SIKANDER, Waqas

[Registration number:249351]

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

SUBSTANTIVE HEARING

Notice that an inquiry will be conducted by a Practice Committee of the General Dental Council, commencing at **10am** on **1 September 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

Val Evans	Lay	Chair
Vatsal Amin	Dentist	
Katarzyna Richards	DCP	

Advisers:

Trevor Jones	Legal Adviser
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CHARGE

Waqas SIKANDER, a dentist, BDS University of Health Sciences Lahore 2007 is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 1 September 2025 for an inquiry into the following charge:

“That being registered as a dentist, your fitness to practice is impaired by reason of misconduct and/or deficient professional performance. In that:

Patient A

1. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of care in that you provided patient A with treatment that was not clinically indicated on 22 October 2021, namely a filling at the UR6.
2. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of radiographic record keeping in that you made an inaccurate report on the radiograph taken of Patient A on 1 October 2021.
3. You failed to obtain informed consent from Patient A to the filling at the UR6 on 22 October 2021.

Patient B

4. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of care in that you failed to take bitewing radiographs of Patient B between 19 March 2020 and 22 October 2021.
5. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of radiographic record keeping in that you made an inaccurate report on the radiograph taken of Patient B on 19 March 2020.

Patient C

6. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of care in that you provided patient C with treatment that was not clinically indicated on 26 November 2021, namely a filling at the UL7
7. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of radiographic record keeping in that you made an inaccurate report on the radiograph taken of Patient C on 22 October 2021.
8. You failed to obtain informed consent from Patient C to a filling at the UL7 on 26 November 2021.

Patient E

9. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of care in that you provided patient E with treatment that was not clinically indicated on 3 November 2021, namely a filling at the LL7.
10. You failed to obtain informed consent from Patient E to a filling at the LL7 on 3 November 2021.

Patient G

11. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient G in that you:
 - a. failed to carry out percussion testing of the LL1, LL2 and/or LR1 on 18 June 2021;

- b. commenced root canal treatment to the LR1 instead of the LR2 on 8 July 2021;
 - c. provided a poor standard of treatment to the LR1 on 8 July 2021;
 - d. failed to adequately diagnose the source of infection between 18 June 2021 and 16 July 2021;
12. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in that you failed to make a record of treatment that you carried out to the LR1 on 8 July 2021.
13. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of radiographic record keeping in that you failed to record that the radiograph taken on 18 June 2021 showed periapical pathology at the LR1, LL1 and/or LL2.
14. You failed to obtain informed consent to the root canal treatment at the LR2 on 8 July 2021 in that you failed to advise Patient G that the LL1 and LL2 would probably also need to be root filled.

Patient H

15. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of care in that you:
- a. provided patient H with treatment that was not clinically indicated on 15 August 2019, namely a filling at the UR6;
16. You failed to obtain informed consent from Patient H to a filling at the UR6 on 15 August 2019.

Patients 1 – 28 and A - H

17. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping between 20 March 2017 and 24 January 2023 in that you:
- a. Failed to record adequate details of extra-oral examinations for the patients and appointments at Schedule 1¹.
 - b. Failed to record the assessment of dietary factors for the patients and appointments at Schedule 2.
 - c. Failed to record the clinical appearance of caries at the UR6 in patient B on 19 March 2020;
 - d. Failed to record the clinical appearance of caries at the LL6 in patient B between 27 August 2021 and 22 October 2021;
 - e. Failed to record the clinical appearance of caries at the UL7 in patient C on 22 October 2021;
 - f. Failed to record the clinical appearance of caries at the UL8 in patient C on 22 October 2021;
 - g. Failed to record the clinical appearance of caries at the LL7 in patient E between 20 September 2021 and 3 November 2021;
 - h. Recorded an inaccurate mouth cancer risk factor for patient 2 on

¹ Please note the Schedules are private documents and cannot be disclosed.

- 23.11.21;
- i. Recorded an inaccurate mouth cancer risk factor for patient 3 on 23.11.21;
- j. Recorded an inaccurate mouth cancer risk factor for patient 9 on 11.11.21;
- k. Recorded an inaccurate mouth cancer risk factor for patient 13 on:
 - i. 28 June 2022;
- l. Recorded an inaccurate mouth cancer risk factor for patient 14 on:
 - i. 10 June 2022;
- m. Recorded an inaccurate mouth cancer risk factor for patient 18 on 26 May 2022;
- n. Failed to record a Basic Periodontal Examination ("BPE") for:
 - i. Patient 1 on 03.03.20
 - ii. Patient 7 on 14.12.21
 - iii. Patient 8 on 04.05.21
 - iv. Patient 10 on 19.05.21
 - v. Patient 13 on 06.12.22
 - vi. Patient 17 on 30.06.22
 - vii. Patient 23 on 21.09.17
 - viii. Patient 24 on 05.06.17
 - ix. Patient 26 on 25.02.22
 - x. Patient 27 18.10.19 and 18.03.22
- o. Recorded an inaccurate BPE for patient 26 on:
 - i. 6 May 2021;
 - ii. 9 November 2021;
- p. Failed to record any dietary advice given to:
 - i. Patient 11 on 24.01.23;
 - ii. Patient 12 on 01.07.22;
 - iii. Patient 17 on 30.06.22;
 - iv. Patient 28 on 23.07.21;
 - v. Patient 28 on 11.03.22;
- 18. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of radiographic record keeping in that you made an inaccurate report on the radiograph of Patient 21 taken on 15 February 2022.
- 19. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of radiographic record keeping in that you failed to record that the radiograph taken of patient 22 on 11 December 2018 showed widening of the periodontal ligament

in the distal root of the LL6

20. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to patient 22 between 11 December 2018 and 13 February 2019 in that you crowned the LL6 without offering root canal treatment.
21. Between 30 September 2022 and 22 November 2022 you failed to inform NHS England of the
conditions imposed by the General Dental Council ("GDC") on your registration.
22. Your conduct at 21 above was:
 - a. misleading;
 - b. dishonest."