

**PART IN PRIVATE ON PAPERS**

**Registration Appeals Committee  
CPD Appeal Meeting**

**23 April 2025**

**Name:** CODREANU, Andreea-Otilia

**Registration number:** 288961

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**General Dental Council:** Harriet Goodhew, ILAS

**Registrant:** Unrepresented

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**Outcome:** Appeal dismissed

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**Committee members:** Kerry McKeivitt (Lay) (Chair)  
Helen Baker (Dentist)  
Christopher Parker (Dental Care Professional)

**Legal adviser:** Alex Coleman

**Committee Secretary:** Gareth Llewellyn

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1. This is an appeal meeting before the Registration Appeals Committee (RAC). The appeal is against the decision of the Registrar of the General Dental Council (GDC) to erase Miss Codreanu's name from the register for apparent non-compliance with her statutory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements. The meeting is being held in accordance with the General Dental Council (Registration Appeals) Rules Order of Council 2006 ('the Registration Appeal Rules'), pursuant to Schedule 4A of the Dentists Act 1984 (as amended) ('the Act').
  2. Neither party was present at today's meeting following notification from the GDC that the appeal was to be conducted on the papers. The meeting was conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams in line with current GDC practice.

### **Preliminary matters**

#### **Decision to conduct the appeal in the absence of the registrant on the papers**

3. Neither party was present at today's meeting. The Committee noted that conducting the appeal on the papers is the default position of the GDC unless an appellant requests an oral hearing. Having considered the documents provided, the Committee was satisfied that Miss Codreanu had made no such request.
4. The Committee noted that notification of this appeal was sent to Miss Codreanu by Recorded Delivery and secure email on 20 February 2025 in accordance with Rule 5 of the Registration Appeal Rules.
5. The Committee accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser. The Committee was satisfied that it was appropriate to consider today's appeal in the absence of either party and on the papers.

#### **Application to consider the case in private**

6. In its written submissions the GDC applied for the appeal to be conducted in private in accordance with Rule 14 of the Registration Appeal Rules for the purposes of protecting Miss Codreanu's private and family life.
7. The Committee bore in mind that, as a starting point, hearings should be conducted in public session. However, due to the nature of the matters in this case, and having regard to the information before it, the Committee was satisfied that the personal interests of Miss Codreanu outweighed the public interest in this case.
8. The Committee was, accordingly, satisfied that the appeal should be considered in private if and when reference was made to Miss Codreanu's private and family life. It therefore acceded to the application.

### **Decision and reasons on the appeal**

#### **Background**

9. The General Dental Council (Continuing Professional Development) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules 2017 ('the CPD Rules') set out the CPD requirements

placed on registrants as of 1 August 2018, and the steps that the GDC shall take in respect of registrants' compliance and non-compliance with those requirements.

10. The CPD Rules came into force on 1 January 2018 and took effect in respect of dental care professions on 1 August 2018.
11. In accordance with Rule 1, a 'CPD cycle' means, in respect of a dental care professional, a period of five years beginning on 1 August following the date the dental care professional is first registered and each subsequent period of five years. A 'CPD year' means, in respect of a dental care professional, a period of 12 months beginning on 1 August in any calendar year.

### **Summary**

12. Miss Codreanu first registered with the GDC as a dental nurse on 25 May 2020. Her CPD cycle, which is the context of this appeal, began on 1 August 2020 and will end on 31 July 2025. In May 2024 the GDC began to send correspondence to remind Miss Codreanu that she needed to provide a CPD statement in respect of the CPD year of 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024 by no later than 28 August 2024.
13. On 5 November 2024 the GDC wrote to Miss Codreanu to inform her that the Registrar had decided to remove her name from the register, as she had failed to provide a compliant CPD statement in respect of the CPD year which commenced on 1 August 2023 and which ended on 31 July 2024.
14. Miss Codreanu appealed against the Registrar's decision that her CPD is non-compliant.

### **Summary of submissions**

15. In support of her appeal Miss Codreanu referred to matters relating to her private life, family life and health.
16. In its written submissions, the GDC submitted that, as set out above, Miss Codreanu has not complied with the CPD requirements of her registration, as she has not provided the required CPD statement. The GDC submitted that the matters referred to by Miss Codreanu were not known to the Registrar when the decision to erase Miss Codreanu's name from the register was made, and it is a matter for the Committee to determine whether any exceptional circumstances are present.

### **Committee's decision**

17. The Committee had regard to the documentary evidence provided today. It took account of the written submissions made the GDC and those made by Miss Codreanu. The Committee accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser concerning its powers and the principles to which it should have regard.
18. The Committee has determined to dismiss Miss Codreanu's appeal against the decision of the Registrar to remove her name from the Register. The Committee has taken note of the matters referred to by Miss Codreanu in relation to her health as well as her personal circumstances, but has not been provided with supporting evidence in relation to her health. The Committee considers that these matters do not override Miss Codreanu's obligation to comply with her CPD requirements, and that, in the particular

circumstances of this case, it would be appropriate for the Committee to dismiss her appeal.

19. Accordingly, the appeal is dismissed.
20. Unless Miss Codreanu exercises her right of appeal in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 4A to the Act, the erasure decision will take effect upon the expiry of the 28-day appeal period. It will then be open to Miss Codreanu to apply for the restoration of her name if she meets the CPD and other requirements for restoration.
21. That concludes this determination.