

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

SHEILDS, Katie Louise

[Registration number: 243965]

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 **23 February 2026**.

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:	Marnie Hayward	DCP	Chair
	Hemash Shah	Dentist	
	Lynne Vernon	Lay	
Legal Adviser:	Tanveer Rakhim		

CHARGE

SHEILDS, Katie Louise, a dental nurse, NVQ L3 Dental Nursing & VRQ L3 Dental Nursing City & Guilds 2013 is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 23 February 2026 for an inquiry into the following charge:

The hearing will be held to consider the following charge against you:

“That being a registered dental care professional:

1. While employed as a Dental Nurse at the Practice you:
 - (a) Received payment of £2,885.61 in cash rather than through BUPA Dental Care, [REDACTED] “(the Practice”) payroll system; and/or
 - (b) Facilitated payments by the Practice of £275, £216 and/or £255 to your husband.

2. Your conduct in relation to 1(a) above was:
 - (a) Misleading; and/or
 - (b) Dishonest in that you knew that you were not permitted to receive payment in cash.

3. Your conduct in relation to 1(b) above was:
 - (a) Misleading; and/or
 - (b) Dishonest in that you knew that the payments to your husband were contrary to the Practice’s Conflict of Interest policy.

AND THAT, in consequence of the matters set out above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of your misconduct.”