

HEARING HELD IN PRIVATE

Health Committee Review Hearing

13 February 2026

Name: AVGERIS, Vasileios

Registration number: 274261

Case number: CAS-198761

General Dental Council: Peta-Louise Bagott, counsel
Instructed by Amy Jones, IHLPS

Registrant: Not present
Represented by Louise Hartley, counsel
Instructed by Freya Edmondson, Buxton Coates solicitors

Fitness to practise: Impaired by reason of health

Outcome: Conditions extended and varied (with a review)

Duration: Six months

Committee members: Zareen Elleby (Dental Care Professional) (Chair)
Miranda Carruthers-Watt (Lay)
Caitriona Gerber Walsh (Dentist)

Legal Adviser: Rosemary Rollason

Committee Secretary: Gareth Llewellyn

At this hearing the Committee made a determination that includes some private information. That information has been omitted from this public version of the determination and the document marked to show where private material has been removed.

1. This is a resumed hearing of the Health Committee (HC). The hearing is being conducted remotely using Microsoft Teams in line with the Dental Professionals Hearings Service's current practice. Mr Avgeris is not present but is represented in his absence by Louise Harley of counsel, instructed by Freya Edmondson of Buxton Coates solicitors. Peta-Louise Bagott of counsel, instructed by Amy Jones of the GDC's In-House Legal Presentation Service (IHLPS), appears for the GDC.

Purpose of hearing

2. The purpose of today's hearing is to review a substantive direction of conditional registration imposed on Mr Avgeris's registration by the HC on 31 July 2024. The hearing is being held in accordance with section 27C (2) of the Dentists Act 1984 (as amended) ('the Act').

Preliminary matters

3. The Committee first considered whether all or part of the hearing should be held in private in accordance with Rule 53 of the General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2006 ('the Rules'). Ms Bagott on behalf of the GDC invited the Committee to hold the hearing entirely in private, given that the case solely relates to Mr Avgeris's health. Ms Hartley on behalf of Mr Avgeris supported the application. Having accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser, the Committee decided to accede to the application in order to protect the private life of Mr Avgeris. The hearing was therefore held entirely in private.

Existing order

4. In July 2024 the HC held a hearing of inquiry in relation to concerns about Mr Avgeris's fitness to practise. After a factual inquiry the HC found that Mr Avgeris had an adverse health condition.

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5. [text omitted].

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6. That Committee went on to determine that Mr Avgeris's fitness to practise was impaired by reason of his adverse health condition, with regard to both public protection and wider public interest considerations. The Committee determined that the appropriate and proportionate sanction to impose was one of conditional registration for a period of 18 months, with a review hearing to take place prior to the end of that period.
7. It falls to this Committee to review the extant direction of conditions.

Evidence

8. The Committee has been provided with documentary evidence relevant to its review. This evidence consists of correspondence and documentation relating to Mr Avgeris's compliance with the conditions in place on his registration, including reports from his reporter and information about his health.

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9. [text omitted].

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Summary of submissions

10. Ms Bagott on behalf of the GDC invited the Committee to find that Mr Avgeris's fitness to practise remains impaired by reason of his adverse health, particularly in light of the recent information about his health as summarised above. Ms Bagott made her submission by reference to public protection and public interest considerations. Ms Bagott submitted that the recent information about Mr Avgeris's health means that conditions are no longer appropriate or workable. Ms Bagott invited the Committee to direct that Mr Avgeris's registration be suspended for a period of six months, with a review hearing to take place prior to the end of that period of suspended registration.

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11. [text omitted].

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12. Ms Hartley on Mr Avgeris's behalf submitted that she concedes that Mr Avgeris's fitness to practise remains impaired. Ms Hartley invited the Committee to direct that the existing period of conditional registration be extended for a period of three months, with a review hearing to take place prior to the end of that extended period of conditional registration.

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13. [text omitted].

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Committee's determination

14. The Committee has carefully considered all the information presented to it, including the submissions of Ms Bagott on behalf of the GDC and those made by Ms Hartley on Mr Avgeris's behalf. In its deliberations the Committee has had regard to the GDC's *Fitness to Practise: Guidance for the practice committees* (January 2026). The Committee has accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser concerning its powers and the principles to which it should have regard.

Impairment

15. The Committee has determined that Mr Avgeris's fitness to practise remains impaired by reason of his adverse health. The Committee considers that the evidence placed before it,

including the recent information summarised above, demonstrates that the adverse health condition with which Mr Avgeris suffers continues to impair his fitness to practise. The Committee also finds that a declaration of impairment is also required in the wider public interest, more particularly to maintain public trust and confidence in the profession.

Sanction

16. The Committee next considered whether it would be appropriate to revoke the conditions, to extend the conditions, with or without variation, or to replace the conditions with a direction of suspended registration.
17. The Committee considered that revoking the conditions would not be sufficient to protect the public and meet the wider public interest considerations engaged by this case.
18. The Committee then went on to consider whether to extend the extant direction of conditions. The Committee determined that a further period of conditional registration, with variations to the conditions, would be appropriate and proportionate.

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19. [text omitted].
20. [text omitted].

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21. The Committee hereby directs that Mr Avgeris's registration be subject to varied conditions, with a review, for six months. The conditions will appear against Mr Avgeris's name in the register as follows:

Public conditions

1. *He must notify the GDC within 14 days of any professional appointment he accepts or is currently undertaking and provide the contact details of his employer or any organisation for which he is contracted to provide dental services.*
2. *He must allow the GDC to exchange information with his employer or any organisation for which he is contracted to provide dental services, and any reporter or workplace supervisor referred to in these conditions.*
3. *He must inform the GDC within 14 days of any formal disciplinary proceedings taken against him, from the date these conditions take effect.*
4. *He must inform the GDC within 14 days of any complaints made against him from the date these conditions take effect.*
5. *He must inform the GDC within 14 days if he applies for dental employment outside the UK.*
6. *He must inform the GDC if he is registered or applies for registration with any overseas regulator/relevant authority, within 14 days of the date of the application or 14 days from the date these conditions take effect if already registered.*

7. *At any time he is providing dental services, which require him to be registered with the GDC, he must agree to the appointment of a reporter nominated by him and approved by the GDC. The reporter shall be a GDC registrant in the same category of the register as the Registrant or higher, and work at the same practice.*

He must allow the reporter to provide reports to the GDC at intervals of not more than 3 months and 14 days prior to any review hearing. The reporter's report should address, but should not be limited to, the following areas:

- *Dates of meetings between the reporter and the Registrant;*
 - *Confirmation that the Registrant is complying with their conditions;*
 - *Details of any concerns about the Registrant's fitness to practise;*
 - *Any other information relevant to the Registrant's compliance with their conditions.*
8. *He must keep his professional commitments under review and limit his dental practice in accordance with his reporter's advice.*
 9. *He must not work as a locum or undertake any out-of-hours work or on-call duties without the prior agreement of the GDC.*

Private conditions

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14. *[IN PRIVATE].*
15. *[IN PRIVATE].*
16. *[IN PRIVATE].*
17. *[IN PRIVATE].*

Public conditions

18. *He will permit other members of the dental team at his practice to contact his workplace reporter immediately if they are concerned about his fitness to practise.*
19. *He must inform within 14 days the following parties that his registration is subject to the conditions, listed at 1 to 18, above and provide written evidence to the GDC that this has been done:*
 - *Any organisation or person employing or contracting with him to undertake dental work, including the full dental team with whom he is working;*
 - *Any prospective employer (at the time of application);*
 - *The Commissioning Body on whose Dental Performers List he is included or seeking inclusion, or Local Health Board if in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland (at the time of application); and*
 - *His reporter.*

20. *He must permit the GDC to disclose the above conditions, 1 to 9 and 18 and 19, to any person requesting information about his registration status.*

Right of appeal

22. Mr Avgeris will have 28 days from the date on which notice of this decision is deemed to have been served on him to appeal against this decision. Should he decide to appeal, the existing conditions will remain in force until the resolution of any such appeal. Should he decide not to appeal, the varied conditions will take effect at the end of the appeal period.

23. That concludes this case for today.