

**Professional Conduct Committee
Review Hearing**

18 December 2025

Name: NOTTA, Gurpreet Singh

Registration number: 150378

Case number: CAS - 196781-J9P9Z5

General Dental Council: Peta-Louise Bagott, Counsel Instructed by Jalpa Patel, IHLPS.

Registrant: Not present or represented

Fitness to practise: Impaired by reason of misconduct

Outcome: Suspended indefinitely

Committee members: Helen Goulding (Chair and Lay member)
Shabnum Ali (Dentist member)
Kira Stearns (Dental Care Professional member)

Legal adviser: Paul Kilcoyne

Committee Secretary: Jenny Hazell

1. This is a resumed hearing before the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) pursuant to section 27C of the Dentists Act 1984 (as amended) ('the Act'). The hearing was conducted remotely using Microsoft Teams. The purpose of this hearing is for the PCC to conduct a statutory review of the order suspending Mr Notta's registration. The order is due to expire on 18 January 2026.
2. Mr Notta is not present or represented at today's hearing. Ms Bagott, Counsel, appears on behalf of the General Dental Council (GDC).

Decision on service

3. The Committee first considered whether the Notice of Hearing had been served on Mr Notta in accordance with Rules 28 and 65 of the General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2006 Order of Council ('the Rules') and section 50A(2) of the Act. Ms Bagott invited the Committee to conclude that the GDC has complied with the requirements of service and to proceed in the absence of Mr Notta.
4. The Committee received from the GDC a hearing bundle which contained a copy of the Notice of Hearing dated 1 October 2024 ('the Notice'), which was sent to Mr Notta's registered address by special delivery and first-class post. The Committee was satisfied that the address shown on the Notice was the same address as that shown on the GDC's database as being Mr Notta's registered address. The Royal Mail track and trace confirms that the item was delivered on 2 October 2025 and was signed for in the name of 'Notta'.
5. The Committee was satisfied that the Notice sent to Mr Notta on 1 October 2025 complied with the required 28 day notice period. It was also satisfied that the Notice contained proper notification of today's hearing, including its date and time, as well as confirmation that the hearing would be held remotely via Microsoft Teams. Mr Notta was also notified that the Committee had the power to proceed with the hearing in his absence.
6. On the basis of all the information provided, the Committee was satisfied that notice of the hearing had been served on Mr Notta in accordance with Rules 28 and 65 and Section 50A(2) of the Act.

Decision on whether to proceed with the hearing in the absence of Mr Notta

7. The Committee next considered whether to exercise its discretion under Rule 54 to proceed with the hearing in the absence of Mr Notta. It was mindful of the need to be fair to both Mr Notta and the GDC, taking into account the public interest in the expeditious review of the order before its expiry on 18 January 2026. Ms Bagott referred the Committee to the addendum bundle which set out the attempts made by the GDC to contact Mr Notta in connection with today's hearing, but without any response. She submitted that there has been a pattern of non-engagement and non-attendance by Mr Notta in connection with the PCC hearings. It was the GDC's submission that it would be appropriate for the Committee to proceed with the hearing in the absence of Mr Notta.
8. The Committee noted from the Notice of Hearing letter dated 1 October 2025 that Mr Notta was asked to notify the GDC by 13 October 2025 of his attendance at the hearing. No response was received from Mr Notta. The GDC sent Mr Notta a further letter, dated 9 December 2025, by special delivery, attaching a copy of the Notice and the Hearing bundle. The Royal Mail track and trace confirms that the item was delivered to Mr Notta's registered address on 10 December 2025 and was signed for. The letter referred to the GDC having sent emails to Mr Notta and left messages but that the emails had failed to be delivered and the telephone messages had not been answered. The letter asked Mr Notta to urgently contact the GDC by telephone or email by no later than 12

December 2025. No response was received from Mr Notta. In addition, the email which had been sent to Mr Notta on 9 December 2025 was returned as 'undeliverable'.

9. In addition, the Committee had regard to a telephone attendance note dated 12 December 2025 which records that the GDC's FTP Prosecution Lawyer called Mr Notta on that date but the call went straight to voicemail. A message was left for Mr Notta to contact them as soon as possible regarding his attendance. No response had been received.

10. The Committee has borne in mind that Mr Notta did not attend the initial hearing in June 2023 or the subsequent PCC reviews in January 2024 and December 2024. It has also borne in mind the steps taken by the GDC to engage with Mr Notta and find out from him if he will attend the hearing. No response had been received. The Committee concluded that Mr Notta has voluntarily absented himself from today's proceedings. There was no information before it to indicate that an adjournment was likely to secure his attendance on a future date.

11. The Committee noted that the current order must be reviewed before it expires on 18 January 2026. In all the circumstances, the Committee determined that it was fair and in the public interest to proceed with the hearing in the absence of Mr Notta.

Background to Mr Notta's case

12. Mr Notta's case was first considered by a PCC at a hearing in June 2023. Mr Notta did not attend and was not represented at the hearing. At the hearing the PCC found proved allegations against Mr Notta relating to his treatment of one patient (Patient A) in October 2018. They included the following:

Failure to provide an adequate standard of care, which included:

- Failure to accurately diagnose the level of horizontal bone loss;
- Failure to conduct any and/or any adequate investigation of the cause of horizontal bone loss before planning and/or providing orthodontic treatment;
- Failure to take appropriate steps in relation to the diagnosis of periodontitis before providing orthodontic treatment.
- Failure to carry out sufficient treatment planning before providing orthodontic treatment.

Failure to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping, which included

- Failure to record a justification for bitewing radiographs.
- Failure to record any and/or any adequate justification for an OPG radiograph.
- Failure to accurately record the level of horizontal bone loss apparent on the OPG taken.

13. The PCC determined that Mr Notta's fitness to practise remained impaired by reason of his misconduct on the grounds of public protection and the public interest. It considered that Mr Notta's shortcomings related to identifiable, basic and fundamental aspects of dentistry which were capable of being remedied. However, that PCC noted that there was no evidence of meaningful engagement and insight from Mr Notta. The PCC considered that Mr Notta was at risk of repeating his acts and omissions and that the public was at continuing risk of harm.

14. The PCC directed that Mr Notta's registration be subject to an order of suspension for six months with a review. That PCC also set out a number of recommendations that the reviewing Committee might be assisted with, including evidence of remediation and insight. It also imposed an immediate order of suspension.

PCC first review Hearing – 5 January 2024

15. The PCC reviewed the suspension order at a hearing on 5 January 2024, in the absence of parties. At that hearing the PCC noted that Mr Notta had not engaged with these proceedings or provided any evidence of remediation, as recommended by the substantive Committee. The PCC considered that there remained a risk of repetition of the failings identified by the PCC in June 2023. It determined that Mr Notta's fitness to practise remained impaired by reason of misconduct on the grounds of public protection and the public interest.

16. The PCC directed that Mr Notta's registration be suspended for the maximum period of 12 months with a review before the expiry of the order. That PCC also re-iterated the recommendations of the substantive PCC in terms of seeing evidence of remediation and insight.

PCC second review Hearing – 12 December 2024

17. The PCC reviewed the suspension order on the papers at a hearing on 12 December 2024. It noted that Mr Notta had continued not to engage with these proceedings and had not provided any evidence of remediation. Further, Mr Notta had not provided any insight as to his previous clinical failings. The PCC considered that there remained a risk of repetition of the failings identified by the PCC in June 2023. It determined that Mr Notta's fitness to practise remained impaired by reason of misconduct on the grounds of public protection and the public interest.

18. The PCC directed that Mr Notta's registration be suspended for 12 months with a review before the expiry. That PCC also re-iterated the recommendations of the substantive Committee in terms of seeing evidence of remediation and insight.

Today's PCC review Hearing

19. The Committee has carried out a comprehensive review of Mr Notta's case. In so doing, the Committee had regard to all the documentary evidence contained in the GDC bundle and addendum bundle as well as the submissions made by Ms Bagott on behalf of the GDC.

20. The Committee accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser. It has borne in mind that there is a persuasive burden on the registrant to satisfy the Committee that their fitness to practise is no longer impaired lies with the Registrant. It has noted the absence of any information from, or on behalf of, Mr Notta, despite being reminded of the requirements by the GDC on numerous occasions.

21. Ms Bagott submitted that there has been no material change in circumstances since the last hearing. Mr Notta has not engaged with the GDC since before the PCC hearing and he has not responded to any correspondence sent by the GDC regarding this hearing. The GDC's position is that Mr Notta's fitness to practise remains impaired by reason of his misconduct, given the absence of any evidence of remediation or insight into the misconduct. There therefore remains a high risk of repetition, and therefore a risk of harm to patients. Ms Bagott submitted that it would be appropriate and proportionate to direct that Mr Notta's registration be suspended indefinitely. She submitted that the two requirements of a direction of an indefinite suspension, as set out in section 27C(1)(d) of the Act are met.

Decision on Current Impairment

22. The Committee first considered whether Mr Notta's fitness to practise was currently impaired by reason of his misconduct. It is aware that the onus is on Mr Notta to demonstrate that he has satisfactorily addressed the failings identified at the initial PCC hearing in June 2023 and repeated by the PCC at the review hearings in January 2024 and December 2024. The Committee considers

that the findings against Mr Notta, which concern the treatment provided to one patient, relate to fundamental aspects of dentistry and are remediable. To date, Mr Notta has not provided any evidence of remediation for consideration by this Committee or previous Committees. In the absence of any evidence of remediation or insight by Mr Notta as to his previous clinical failings, the Committee considered that there remains a risk of repetition. The Committee determined, therefore, that Mr Notta's fitness to practise remains impaired by reasons of his misconduct on the grounds of public protection.

23. Further, the Committee considered that in the absence of any evidence of remediation and insight from Mr Notta to show that the clinical failings have been satisfactorily addressed, as well as his lack of engagement with his regulator since 2023, public confidence in the profession would be undermined if a finding of impairment was not made on the grounds of the public interest.

24. The Committee is satisfied that Mr Notta's fitness to practise remains impaired by reason of misconduct.

Decision on Sanction

25. The Committee next considered what sanction to impose on Mr Notta's registration. In doing so, the Committee had regard to the GDC's Guidance for the Practice Committees, including Indicative Sanctions Guidance (October 2016, updated December 2020) ("the Guidance").

26. The Committee has found that Mr Notta's fitness to practise remains impaired and that there remains a risk of repetition of the clinical failings identified by the PCC in June 2023. In these circumstances, the Committee concluded that terminating the current suspension order would not adequately protect the public or maintain public confidence in the dental profession.

27. The Committee next considered whether to replace the current suspension order with one of conditions. It has borne in mind Mr Notta's lack of engagement in these proceedings since June 2023 or provided any evidence to address the concerns identified. In these circumstances, the Committee determined that conditions would not be appropriate, workable or sufficient for this case.

28. The Committee then went on to consider whether to direct a further period of suspension of Mr Notta's registration. In so doing, it has borne in mind Mr Notta's failure to engage with the proceedings since June 2023. He has had multiple opportunities to engage with the GDC and provide evidence of the steps he has taken to remediate the clinical deficiencies in this case. However, he has chosen not to do so. In these circumstances, the Committee considered that a further specified period of suspension would be of no benefit. There has been no material change in the circumstances of this case since the last review, and no progress since the suspension order was originally imposed in June 2023. For all these reasons, the Committee decided against the extension of the current order of suspension.

29. Accordingly, the Committee directs the indefinite suspension of Mr Notta's registration in accordance with section 27C(1)(d) of the Act. In making this direction, the Committee was satisfied that the criteria for imposing an indefinite suspension have been met, given that Mr Notta's registration has been suspended continuously for over two years, and the direction is being less than two months before the order would otherwise expire (January 2026). It was the view of the Committee that the onus should now rest with Mr Notta to contact the GDC if he decides to re-engage with its fitness to practise process. Mr Notta can request a review of the indefinite suspension order when at least two years have elapsed since the date on which the direction takes effect.

30. Unless Mr Notta exercises his right of appeal, his registration will be suspended indefinitely, 28 days from the date that notice of this direction is deemed to have been served upon him. In the

event that Mr Notta does exercise his right of appeal, the suspension order currently in place on his registration will remain in force until the resolution of the appeal.

31. That concludes this determination.