

**HEARING HELD IN PRIVATE****Health Committee  
Review Hearing****24 July 2026****Name:** AVGERIS, Vasileios**Registration number:** 274261**Case number:** CAS-198761

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**General Dental Council:** Tom Stevens, Counsel  
Instructed by Amy Jones, IHLPS**Registrant:** Present, represented by Louise Hartley, Counsel  
Instructed by Beverley Hudson, Buxton Coates solicitors

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**Fitness to practise:** Impaired by reason of health**Outcome:** Conditions revoked and suspension imposed (with a review)  
Immediate suspension order imposed**Duration:** 12 months**Immediate order:** Immediate suspension order

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**Committee members:** James Hurden (Chair, Lay Member)  
Jasdeep Badyal (Dentist Member)  
Christopher Parker (Dental Care Professional Member)**Legal adviser:** Mark Sullivan**Committee Secretary:** Jenny Hazell

**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 is removed.**

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1. This is a resumed hearing of the Health Committee (HC). Mr Avgeris you are present and are represented by Ms Hartley, Counsel. Mr Stevens, counsel, appears for the GDC.

2. This is a review of an order of conditions for a period of six months imposed on your registration by the HC at a review hearing on 13 February 2026. 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'). Mr Stevens invited the Committee to hold the hearing entirely in private, given that the case relates solely to your health. Mr Stevens also referred to your right to privacy in accordance with Article 8 of the Human Rights Act 1998. Ms Hartley, on your behalf, supported the application.

4. The Committee has accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser on this matter. It decided to accede to the application so as to protect your private life. The hearing was therefore held entirely in private.

### **Background**

5. In July 2024 the HC considered alleged concerns about your fitness to practise. It found that you had an adverse health condition.

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6. [Text omitted].

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7. The HC determined that your fitness to practise was impaired by reason of your adverse health condition on the grounds of public protection and the wider public interest. 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.

8. The HC reviewed the order on 13 February 2026. You were not present but you were represented at that hearing. At that hearing the Committee was provided with an update in relation to your health.

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9. [Text omitted] .

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10. The HC determined that your fitness to practise remained impaired by reason of your adverse health. It also considered that a finding of current impairment was required in the wider public interest so as maintain public trust and confidence in the profession.

11. The HC considered that there were no substantive issues about your compliance with the conditions. It further consider that the most recent information about your health did not render conditional registration unworkable. It therefore directed that your registration be subject to varied conditions, with a review, for six months.

**Today's review**

12. The Committee has carried out a comprehensive review of the order. In so doing, it has had regard to the bundle of documents provided on behalf of the GDC. The Committee has also had regard to the recent information relating to your health.

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13. [Text omitted].

14. [Text omitted].

15. [Text omitted].

16. [Text omitted].

**Summary of submissions****PUBLIC**

17. Mr Stevens invited the Committee to find that your fitness to practise remains impaired by reason of your adverse health. This was in light of the recent information about your health as summarised above. He submitted that the Committee can place weight on this information which go directly to the matters of current fitness to practise.

18. It was Mr Stevens' submission that in light of the recent information about your health conditions were no longer appropriate or workable. Mr Stevens invited the Committee to direct that your registration be suspended for a period of between six to twelve months, with a review hearing to take place prior to the end of that period of suspended registration.

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19. [Text omitted].

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20. Ms Hartley on your behalf conceded that your fitness to practise remains impaired. She confirmed that you are currently not practising as a dentist in the UK and that you now reside in Greece. She conceded that the appropriate sanction in this case is that of suspension. Ms Hartley invited the Committee to consider making the suspension order for a period of six months, with a review hearing to take place prior to the end of that order.

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21. [Text omitted]

**Committee's determination**

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22. The Committee has considered carefully all the information presented to it, including the submissions made by both parties. 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.

23. The Committee considered whether your fitness to practise remains impaired by reason of adverse health. In so doing, it has had regard to the recent health information summarised above.

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24. [Text omitted]

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25. Accordingly, the Committee determined that your fitness to practise remains impaired by reason of your adverse health. It also concluded that public confidence in the dental profession would be undermined if a finding of impairment were not made. In its view, a fully informed member of the public, aware of all the facts, would be concerned if you were permitted to practise unrestricted. The Committee is satisfied that a finding of impairment is also required in the wider public interest.

26. The Committee first considered whether it would be appropriate to allow the current order to lapse at its expiry (October 2026) or to terminate it with immediate effect. Given its finding of current impairment, the Committee determined that this would not be an appropriate course of action.

27. The Committee next considered whether to vary and extend the period of conditional registration. In so doing, it has had regard to the recent health information summarised above.

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28. [Text omitted].

29. In light of the information before it, the Committee considers that conditions are no longer workable or sufficient for the protection of the public or the wider public interest. Accordingly, the Committee determined that the appropriate order is an order of suspension.

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30. [Text omitted].

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31. The Committee directs that the suspension order be for a period of 12 months with a review to be held shortly before the end of the 12 month period. You will be informed of the date and time of that resumed hearing.

32. Given that the order has changed from conditions to suspension, the Committee invites parties to make submissions on an immediate order of suspension.

### **Decision and reasons on immediate order**

33. Mr Stevens, on behalf of the GDC, has made an application under section 30(1) of the Dentists Act 1984 for an immediate suspension order to be imposed on your registration on the grounds of the protection of the public and the public interest. This was in light of the Committee's conclusions on current impairment and its reasons for deciding that nothing less than a suspension order is sufficient to guard against the risks. Mr Stevens further indicated that it may also be in your own interests given your acceptance through your Counsel at the previous stage of this hearing that the suspension of your registration may be appropriate.

34. Ms Hartley, on your behalf, did not oppose the application.

35. The Committee has accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser.

36. Given the risks identified which necessitated replacing the current order of conditions with one of suspension, the Committee is satisfied that an immediate suspension order is necessary for the protection of the public, is otherwise in the public interest and is in your own interests. To do otherwise would be incompatible with the Committee's earlier decision to direct that your registration be suspended.

37. The Committee has therefore determined to make an immediate order of suspension.

38. The effect of this order is that your registration will be immediately suspended. Unless you exercise your right of appeal, the substantive direction of 12 month suspension will commence 28 days from when notification of this determination is served on you. If an appeal is made, this immediate suspension order will remain in place pending the disposal of the appeal.

39. That concludes this hearing