

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

BLAKE, Adrian Harry

[Registration number: 158398]

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

SUBSTANTIVE HEARING

Notice that an inquiry will be conducted by a Practice Committee of the General Dental Council, commencing at **9.30am** on **28 September 2026**.

Please note that this hearing will be conducted remotely by video conference.

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CHARGE

BLAKE, Adrian Harry, a dentist, BDS University of Plymouth 2014 is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 28 September 2026 for an inquiry into the following charge:

“That being a registered dentist,

A. You practised as a dentist at the dental practice referred to in Schedule 1 below (“the Practice”) and treated the patients listed below (and referred to in Schedule 1 below).

Patient 1

1. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 1 from 29 April 2016 to 25 July 2017, in that:
 - a. during an appointment on 29 April 2016, you provided a poor standard of restoration at Patient 1’s LL7, in that:
 - i. it had a distal overhang;
 - ii. you completed the restoration without first sufficiently removing caries present in that tooth.
 - b. during an appointment on 25 July 2017 you:
 - i. prescribed antibiotics without adequate clinical justification;
 - ii. failed to offer Patient 1 the option of draining their infection through the pulp of their LL7;
 - c. during an appointment on 27 February 2019 you did not report on and/or sufficiently investigate, radiolucency suggestive of caries found around Patient 1’s filling at their LR6.
2. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 1’s appointment from the 25 July 2017 to 27 February 2019, in that you did not record:
 - a. the justification for providing antibiotics, on 25 July 2017;
 - b. offering Patient 1 the option of local drainage for an infection at their LL, on 25 July 2017;
 - c. any plan to manage their LR6, on 27 February 2017.

Patient 2

3. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 2 on 7 February 2018, in that:
 - a. you did not diagnose and/or treat caries found at Patient 2’s:
 - i. LR7;
 - ii. LL5;
 - iii. UL6.
 - b. you did not sufficiently investigate the crown margin at Patient 2’s LL6

and/or offer Patient 2 the option of replacing this crown.

4. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 2's appointment on 7 February 2018, in that you did not record:
 - a. the presence of caries, found at Patient 2's LR7 and/or LL5 and/or LL6 and/or UL6;
 - b. informing Patient 2 of the presence of caries.

Patient 3

5. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 3 from 1 August 2017 to 3 May 2018, in that:
 - a. during an appointment on 1 August 2017, you did not diagnose and/or treat caries found at Patient 3's:
 - i. UL3;
 - ii. UL4;
 - iii. UL7;
 - iv. UR3;
 - v. LR6;
 - vi. LR5.
 - b. during an appointment on 3 January 2018, you did not diagnose and/or treat caries found at Patient 3's UL7;
 - c. during an appointment on 4 January 2018, you did not treat caries found at Patient 3's:
 - i. LR6;
 - ii. LR5.
 - d. during an appointment on 5 April 2018, you did not diagnose and/or offer to treat caries found at Patient 3's LR4;
 - e. during an appointment on 3 May 2018, you did not diagnose and/or offer to treat caries found at Patient 3's LR4.
6. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 3's appointment from 1 August 2017 to 3 May 2018, in that you did not record:
 - a. the presence of caries, found at Patient 3's UL7 and/or UR3 and/or LR6 and/or LR5 on 1 August 2017;
 - b. the options for management of caries, found at Patient 3's UL7 and/or UL4 and/or UL3 and/or UR2 and/or UR3 and/or LR5 and/or LR6;
 - c. the presence of caries, found at Patient 3's LR6 and/or LR5, and/or the option for the management of these teeth on 3 January 2018;
 - d. the presence of caries found at Patient 3's LR4 and/or the options for the management of this tooth on:
 - i. 5 April 2018;

ii. 3 May 2018.

Patient 4

7. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 4's appointment from 7 December 2017 to 21 March 2019, in that you did not record informing Patient 4 of the risks of not replacing the crown found at their UL5.

Patient 5

8. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 5 from 24 August 2016 until 3 October 2018, in that you did not diagnose and/or treat caries found at Patient 5's UR6 over this period.
9. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 5's appointments from 24 August 2016 until 3 October 2018, in that you did not record the presence of caries found at Patient 5's UR6.

Patient 6

10. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 6's appointments between 11 and 11 March 2019, in that you did not record the presence of caries found at Patient 6's LL5.

Patient 7

11. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 7 from 16 June 2016 to 22 March 2018, in that you did not diagnose and/or treat caries found at Patient 7's UR5 over this period.
12. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 7's appointments from 16 June 2016 to 22 March 2018, in that you did not record the presence of caries found at Patient 7's UR5.

Patient 8

13. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 8's appointment on 24 October 2017, in that you did not record the presence of caries found at Patient 8's UL6.

Patient 9

14. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 9 from 31 August 2016 to 18 February 2019, in that:
 - a. you did not diagnose and/or treat caries found at the distal margin of Patient 9's LL5 over this period;
 - b. you did not take any bitewing radiographs during an appointment on 31 August 2016 or 20 March 2017.
15. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 9's appointments from 31 August 2016 to 18 February 2019, in that you did not:
 - a. record the presence of caries found at Patient 9's LL5 over this period;
 - b. adequately report on bitewing radiographs taken on 7 December 2017.

Patient 10

16. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 10's appointment on 13 December 2018, in that you did not record the presence of a distal ledge and/or caries found at Patient 10's LL6.

Patient 11

17. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 11's appointments from 20 October 2016 to 18 April 2018, in that you did not record:
 - a. the presence of caries, found at Patient 11's LL7 on 20 October 2016 and/or 3 November 2016;
 - b. the presence of caries, found at Patient 11's LR7 on 18 April 2018.

Patient 12

18. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 12's appointment on 25 January 2016, in that you did not record the presence of caries found at Patient 12's LL5.

Patient 13

19. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 13 from 6 December 2016 to 7 February 2018, in that:
 - a. you did not diagnose and/or treat caries found at Patient 13's LR5 from 6 December 2016 until 7 February 2018;
 - b. during an appointment on 7 February 2018, you inappropriately restored Patient 13's LR5 with glass ionomer cement.
20. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 13's appointments from 6 December 2016 to 7 February 2018, in that you did not record the presence of caries found at Patient 13's LR5.

Patient 14

21. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 14's appointments on 24 May 2018, in that you did not record discussing the risks of leaving Patient 14's UR7 untreated.

Patient 15

22. You failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient 15's appointments from 14 June 2018 to 3 September 2018, in that you did not record:
 - a. the reason Patient 15's UR6 required a filling on 14 June 2018;
 - b. the presence of mesial radiolucency at Patient 15's UR6 on 3 September 2018.

AND that by reason of the matters alleged above your fitness to practise is impaired by reasons of deficient professional performance and/or misconduct."