

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

AMPUERO, Brenda Paola,

[Registration number: 159603]

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 Monday 29 June 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:

Caroline Healy	Lay	Chair
Vatsal Amin	Dentist	
Avril Fraser	DCP	

Legal Adviser:

Justin Gau	Legal Adviser
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CHARGE

AMPUERO, Brenda Paola, a dentist, LDS Royal College of Surgeons Of England 2012, is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on Monday 29 June 2026 for an inquiry into the following charge:

The Charge:

'That being registered as a dentist Brenda Ampuero's (159603) fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct and/or deficient professional performance;
In that:

Patient B

1. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient B on 12 May 2022 including by;
 - a) Not identifying the underlying periodontal disease from your BPE examination
 - b) Carrying out inaccurate risk assessments, namely, by
 - i. Recording a low risk of dental caries for Patient B
 - ii. Recording cancer risk as low
 - c) Not identifying, adequately, or at all, the following findings and/or pathology from bitewing radiographs taken on or around 12 May 2022, including:
 - i. The presence of caries in LL4
 - ii. Bone loss around the implant at LL5
 - iii. The extent and/or severity of the bone loss around UR4
 - iv. An overhanging restoration at LL3

2. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient B on 26 January 2023 including by:
 - a) Not identifying the underlying periodontal disease from your BPE examination
 - b) Carrying out inaccurate risk assessments, namely, by
 - i. Recording a low risk of dental caries;
 - ii. Assessing cancer risk as low;
 - c) As you incorrectly risk assessed Patient B for caries, you did not take a further set of bitewing radiographs

Patient D

3. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient D from 21 April 2022 to 6 March 2023, including by;
 - a) not taking and/or recording BPE examinations on:
 - i. 21 April 2022
 - ii. 19 July 2022
 - iii. 10 October 2022
 - iv. 21 November 2022
 - v. 2 February 2023
 - b) not taking any bitewing radiographs
 - c) not adequately diagnosing periodontal disease in that you:
 - i. did not take a periodontal chart
 - ii. misdiagnosed the extent of Patient D's periodontal disease
 - d) As you misdiagnosed the extent of Patient D's dental disease, you did not carry out sufficient treatment planning to deal with the underlying:
 - i. dental caries
 - ii. periodontal disease; and further you
 - iii. planned a bridge prosthesis before stabilising Patient D
 - e) not adequately treating Patient D's periodontal disease
4. You submitted inappropriate NHS claims for treatment provided to Patient D on:
 - a) 21 April 2022
 - b) 19 July 2022
 - c) 24 August 2022
 - d) 10 October 2022
 - e) 21 November 2022
 - f) 2 February 2023

Patient E

5. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient E on 31 March 2023 including by;
 - a) Your radiographic practice including:
 - i. Not taking any radiographs

Patient F

6. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient F on 22 June 2022 and 23 November 2022 by;
 - a) Your radiographic practice including:

- i. Not taking bitewing radiographs during the examination on 22 June 2022
- ii. Not writing a radiographic report for the bitewing radiographs taken on 21 July 2022

Patient H

- 7. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient H from 26 April 2022 to 28 February 2023, including by:
 - a) Your radiographic practice including:
 - i. You did not take bitewing radiographs at your appointment with them on 26 April 2022
 - ii. You did not take bitewing radiographs at your appointment with them on 28 February 2023

Patient J

- 8. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient J on 1 August 2022, including by:
 - a) Not identifying pathologies from the radiograph dated 11 January 2022
 - b) Carrying out inaccurate risk assessments, namely, by
 - i. Assessing Patient J as having a low risk of cancer
 - ii. Assessing Patient J as having a low risk of caries
 - c) You did not take further radiographs

Patient P

- 9. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient P on 26 September 2022 including by;
 - a) Taking insufficient diagnostic assessments, including
 - i. Diagnosing early caries on the upper anterior teeth without recording:
 - 1. which teeth they were present in
 - 2. any further diagnosis
 - b) Recording inaccurate risk assessments, including:
 - i. Noting Patient P's caries risk as low
 - c) Your radiographic practice, including
 - i. Not taking any bitewing radiographs
- 10. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient P on 15 November 2022 including by:
 - a) Your radiographic practice, including:

- i. Not taking a radiographic examination for LL6 before commencing filling restoration on 15 November 2022
- b) Not adequately removing the caries in the following teeth when restoring them on 15 November 2022:
 - i. LL6
 - ii. LR6

11. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient P from 26 September 2022 to 15 November 2022 including by:

- a) Not identifying multiple caries cavities within Patient P's teeth, including in:
 - i. UL5d
 - ii. UL6d,
 - iii. LL6m,
 - iv. LR5d,
 - v. LR6occ,
 - vi. LR7occ,
 - vii. UR4occ,
 - viii. UR5d,
 - ix. UR6occ
- b) Not identifying areas of early decay, including in:
 - i. UL5m
 - ii. UL4d

Patient U

12. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient U on 30 January 2023 and 13 February 2023, including by;

- a) Not taking bitewing radiographs during your appointment on 13 February 2023
- b) Not diagnosing caries at:
 - i. UR8
 - ii. UR7
- c) Not diagnosing retained roots at LL8

Patient Z

13. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient Z on 8 February 2023 including by;

- a) Carrying out insufficient diagnostic assessments for the patient's problems in the lower right in that you did not
 - i. take any periodontal charting around the loose teeth
 - ii. check and/or record the presence of inflammation
 - iii. review the patient's sensitivity

- b) Identifying the patient's bone loss from your basic periodontal examination
- c) Not taking periapical radiographs of the lower right area

14. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient Z on 1 March 2023 including by;

- a) Your radiographic practice, including:
 - i. Not identifying pathology and/or findings from bitewing radiographs, including:
 - 1. Recurrent caries at LR4
 - 2. Localised bone loss on UR4
 - 3. A mesial radiolucency at UL4

Patient Aa

15. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient AA on 31 January 2023 by;

- a) Your radiographic practice in that you
 - i. Did not take bitewing radiographs

16. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient AA on 9 February 2023 by;

- a) Your radiographic practice in that you
 - i. Did not write a radiographic report on your diagnostic radiographs
- b) Providing a root canal treatment which was poor in that
 - i. The root filling was underfilled
- c) You failed to adhere to your duty of candour regarding the defect of the root canal treatment

Patient Ab

17. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient Ab on 7 March 2023 including by;

- a) Not noting from the bitewing radiographs taken:
 - i. Patient Ab's bone levels
 - ii. Retained roots on the upper left
 - iii. Radiolucency at UL3
- b) Not noting from the periapical radiographs taken:
 - i. Initial pathology on the root apex
 - ii. The cavity within LR5

18. You failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient Ab on 14 March 2023 including by:

- a) Undertaking a root canal treatment without using a rubber dam when indicated
- b) Inaccurately recording that a rubber dam was used during the root canal treatment
- c) Not noting from the radiograph taken after the root canal treatment that:
 - i. the root canal treatment and/or cement had gone through the apex

19. Your actions in relation to allegation 16c and/or 18b were misleading

20. Your actions in relation to allegation 18b were dishonest

21. Your actions in relation to allegation 18a put patient safety at risk.'