

PUBLIC RECORD

Date: 22 June 2023

Medical Practitioner's name:	Dr Haroon BUTT
GMC reference number:	6036911
Primary medical qualification:	MB BS 2001 University of Karachi
Type of case	Outcome on impairment
Conviction/ Caution	Not impaired

Summary of outcome

Order revoked

Tribunal/Legally Qualified Chair:

Legally Qualified Chair:	Ms Sally Cowen
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Review on the Papers

This case was reviewed on the papers, with the agreement of both parties, by a Legally Qualified Chair.

Overarching Objective

Throughout the decision-making process the chair has borne in mind the statutory overarching objective as set out in s1 Medical Act 1983 (the 1983 Act) to protect, promote and maintain the health, safety and well-being of the public, to promote and maintain public confidence in the medical profession, and to promote and maintain proper professional standards and conduct for members of that profession.

Legally Qualified Chair's Determination – 22 June 2023

1. I have noted the background to Dr Butt's case, which was first considered by a medical practitioners tribunal in January 2023 ('Original Panel'). The Original Panel considered Dr Butt's conviction for driving over the legal alcohol limit. Dr Butt was sentenced by the Magistrates Court, including a 36-month driving ban and 12 weeks' imprisonment, suspended for 12 months. The Original Panel found that Dr Butt had accepted his

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culpability and had acted in a manner which was out of character but could not clearly explain why that had happened.

2. In January 2023 the Original Panel found Dr Butt's fitness to practice to be impaired by reason of his conviction. The Original Panel concluded that Dr Butt lacked insight into the impact of his actions on others and the reputation of the profession. The Original Panel determined to suspend Dr Butt's registration for a period of 6 months.
3. In order to provide assistance at this review the Original Panel at the previous hearing recommended that Dr Butt provide:
 - documents relating to feedback from any professional support he had undertaken relating to the issues raised by the hearing;
 - further reflections on his actions and evidence of strategies to address the risk of repetition.
 - Any other information that he considers will assist a reviewing tribunal.
4. Dr Butt and the GMC have agreed that this review should be considered on the papers in accordance with Rule 21B of the General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2004. They have provided agreed terms of a decision which I could make at this review.
5. I have considered all of the evidence presented to me, the Original Panel decision, the documents provided by Dr Butt and the form signed by both the GMC and Dr Butt. In the GMC agreement form, Dr Butt and the GMC agree that Dr Butt's fitness to practise is no longer impaired and that the sanction currently in place should be revoked.
6. I have taken into account that since the previous order was made Dr Butt has received XXX. He has demonstrated insight in his reflective statement and diary, as well as by his attendance on training programmes. He has also completed his suspended sentence period.
7. I have borne in mind the statutory overarching objective which is to protect, promote and maintain the health, safety and well-being of the public, to promote and maintain public confidence in the medical profession, and to promote and maintain proper professional standards and conduct for the medical profession.
8. I have determined that Dr Butt's fitness to practise is no longer impaired by reason of his conviction.
9. In reaching this decision, I accept from Dr Butt's statement and diary that he recognises the impact his actions had on the reputation and standing of the profession. He also recognises that his actions were due to his inability to cope with stress and has put in place a support mechanism to help him in the future should such stress arise again.

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10. In light of my decision, I direct that Dr Butt's current period of suspended registration be revoked with immediate effect.
11. Notification of this decision will be served on Dr Butt in accordance with the Medical Act 1983, as amended.