

PUBLIC RECORD

Date: 18 June 2024

Medical Practitioner's name:	Dr Oliver TURNER
GMC reference number:	7304114
Primary medical qualification:	MB BS 2012 University College London
Type of case	Outcome on impairment
XXX	XXX
Misconduct	Not impaired

Summary of outcome

Order revoked

Legally Qualified Chair:

Legally Qualified Chair:	Chitra Karve
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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.

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1. I have noted the background to Dr Oliver Turner's case, which was first considered by a fitness to practise medical practitioners tribunal (the tribunal) in May 2022. Dr Turner qualified with an MBBS from University College London in 2012. At the time of the events that are the subject of these proceedings Dr Turner worked as a Speciality Registrar in Anaesthetics. The tribunal found that he had appropriated XXX from the hospital where he was working in order to administer them to himself. When questioned about what he had disposed in the XXX, Dr Turner stated dishonestly that a patient had needed a XXX.
2. The tribunal heard that in 2015 Dr Turner was XXX. He XXX and gave undertakings to the GMC which he abided by until revocation in 2019. XXX. Dr Turner admitted all the facts including his dishonesty in seeking to conceal his taking of XXX.
3. XXX
4. The tribunal found Dr Turner's fitness to practise was impaired due to misconduct XXX. It also found that the misconduct was XXX. It concluded that his dishonesty was capable of remediation. The tribunal however also concluded that there was some continued risk of the dishonesty being repeated. It also took into consideration that his misconduct took place while he was in a hospital setting treating patients. It concluded that his insight was still incomplete and there was a (low) risk of repetition of the misconduct. XXX.
5. The Tribunal determined to impose conditions on Dr Turner's registration for a period of 14 months and made an order of immediate conditions.
6. In July 2023 Dr Turner's review was considered, with agreement from both the GMC and Dr Turner, on the papers by a Legally Qualified Chair. The LQC noted that in the submission of both parties, it was agreed that the conditions should be extended for a further 12 months from the expiry date of the original conditions, 23 August 2023. XXX.
7. Dr Turner had, in August 2020, changed his career from Anaesthesia to General Practice. The LQC noted that he had been progressing in his training as a GP Trainee S2T ITP post in Cambridge satisfactorily until a hiatus in July 2022. At that time he left an abusive telephone message for an Associate Dean. This led to an internal investigation and XXX. Dr Turner admitted that XXX during the latter part of the Tribunal process, which had included an adjournment delay. XXX.

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8. The LQC further considered that there had been no further concerns and that he had provided a reflective statement regarding his insight. XXX. The recommendations were that conditions should remain on his registration. XXX.
9. The LQC determined that Dr Turner continued to need the support and supervision provided by conditions and that there should be a further order of conditions.
10. The LQC was unable to direct a review but on 6 September 2023 the Assistant Registrar directed a review, saying “The reviewing tribunal will need to see objective evidence so they can assess Dr Turner’s insight and remediation. This can include that Dr Turner has kept their skills up to date, and that their return to unrestricted practice won’t put patient safety at risk. XXX.”
11. Dr Turner 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.
12. I have considered all of the evidence presented to me, and the submissions made by and on behalf of Dr Turner and by the GMC. In the submissions, Dr Turner and the GMC agree that Dr Turner’s fitness to practise is not impaired and that the sanction currently in place should be revoked. I have taken into account that since the previous order was made XXX.
13. 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.
14. I have determined that Dr Turner’s fitness to practise is no longer impaired by reason of his misconduct XXX.
15. In reaching this decision, I note the that Dr Turner has provided satisfactory evidence XXX. XXX had passed all his GP exams and was seeking to have sign off of his portfolio. At that time he had commenced looking for a job.
16. I have also read the material submitted on Dr Turner’s behalf, including a statement, workplace reports XXX. In my opinion, Dr Turner has been compliant with all the conditions, evidenced good insight into the reasons for his misconduct XXX. He has made good academic and clinical progress, having passed his examinations and continued to

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work in clinical practice. I note the submission on his behalf that he is due to complete his training in August 2024 following which he hopes to find a salaried position. I accept the representations of both parties that Dr Turner's fitness to practise is no longer impaired.

17. In light of my decision, I direct that Dr Oliver Turner's current period of conditional registration be revoked with immediate effect.

18. Notification of this decision will be served on Dr Turner in accordance with the Medical Act 1983, as amended.