Claim No: CO/6393/2016

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

**BETWEEN** 



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AUTHORITY

**Appellant** 

and

(1) HEALTH AND CARE PROFESSIONS COUNCIL (2) JOHN SADIO

Respondents

## CONSENT ORDER

UPON the parties having agreed these terms and the statement of reasons as set out in the Schedule

AND UPON neither party being a child or a protected party and the appeal not being an appeal from a decision of the Court of Protection

**BY CONSENT** 

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- The appeal be allowed and the decision of the First Respondent's Conduct and Competence Committee (the CCC) on 12 October 2016 to suspend the Second Respondent from the register of the First Respondent for a period of 9 months (the Decision) be quashed.
- 2. The court substitutes an order that the Second Respondent be struck off the register of the First Respondent.
- 3. The First Respondent shall pay the Appellant's reasonable costs of the appeal to be subject to detailed assessment if not agreed.

4. The appeal hearing listed on 14 June 2017 with a time estimate of 1 day be vacated.

S.C.I. OF

We consent to an order on the above terms.

Dated this 3/

day of

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Second Respondent

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## **SCHEDULE**

- The Second Respondent is a registered social worker. On 12 October 2016, the CCC, having found that his fitness to practise was impaired by reason of misconduct, imposed a 9 month suspension.
- The Appellant appealed against the Decision on the grounds that it was not sufficient for the protection of the public within the meaning of section 29 of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002.
- 3. The Grounds of Appeal were that:

Ground 1 – The Decision arose from a serious procedural irregularity in that the First Respondent failed to allege, in respect of particulars 1(a)(iii)(1), 2(a)(ii)(1) and 2(a)(iii)(1), that the Second Respondent had acted dishonestly.

Ground 2 — The Decision arose from a serious procedural irregularity in that, the First Respondent having failed to make the allegation described in Ground 1 above, the CCC failed to initiate an inquiry into whether the Second Respondent had acted dishonestly in respect of particulars 1(a)(iii)(1), 2(a)(ii)(1) and 2(a)(iii)(1).

Ground 3 - The CCC falled to have adequate regard to the seriousness of the Second Respondent's misconduct.

Ground 4 — The CCC falled to have adequate regard to (a) the Second Respondent's failure to engage with proceedings, (b) the lack of information as to the Second Respondent's current employment or standards of practise, (c) its finding that the Second Respondent had no insight, (d) the fact that the Second Respondent had demonstrated no remorse, (e) the absence of evidence as to remediation, (f) its finding that there was no material upon which it could conclude that the Second Respondent would be willing or able to address his failings, (g) its finding that there was a risk of repetition, (h) its finding that the Second Respondent's misconduct put patients and the public at risk, (i) the public interest in maintaining confidence in the profession and standards within it, and (j) the First Respondent's *Indicative Sanctions Policy*.

4. The First Respondent concedes that the Decision was not sufficient for the protection of the public and agrees with the Appellant that a strlking off order was the only appropriate sanction in the circumstances.

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