

Doctors who have been erased from the Medical Register in 2016

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OUTCOME OF MPTS FTP PANEL HEARINGS

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Erasure	55	55	71	72
Total number of hearings	208	229	237	239

BACKGROUND

- **Erased doctors represent a huge loss, to the individual, the profession, the NHS and the public**
- **A better understanding of the types of doctors' behaviours that lead to this outcome may help to deter healthcare professionals, reduce this loss and prevent harm to patients and to public trust and confidence in the medical profession**

BACKGROUND

Healthcare regulation promotes:

- **The protection of patients**
- **The maintenance of trust and confidence in the professions**
- **The declaration and upholding professional standards**

METHODOLOGY

Data: MPTS FTP determinations from 2016 freely available and in the public domain.

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STUDY PERIOD 27 March – 16 June 2017

Nature of problem (main headings):

- **Criminal offences**
- **Professional misconduct**
- **Deficient professional performance**

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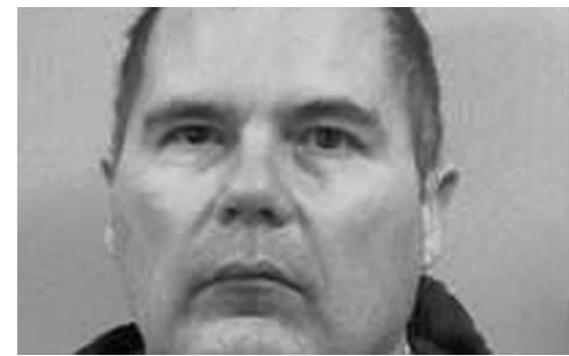
Variables:

- **Gender**
- **Location of graduation**
- **Length of time since graduation**
- **Stage of career**
- **Specialty**

DR ALAN POLLOCK GP



- **2 year crime racket with girlfriend & her daughter**
- **Girlfriend would book a flight ticket, give boarding pass to Dr Pollock which he used as a template to create multiple counterfeit versions using same flight name and number but adding a different date**
- **The two women, about to board a flight to Edinburgh, were arrested at Gatwick with 3,000 duty free Mayfair cigarettes, along with counterfeit boarding passes falsely claiming they were heading out of the EU.**
- **Cigarettes bought for £2.16 per packet, then sold for £4.50, profit of £2.34. VAT and duty evaded was £28,305**



“GP IN DUTY FREE FAGS SCAM”

- **Police search of home found a boarding pass template on his PC, almost 50 counterfeit international railway tickets, and a counterfeit UK passport**
- **Falsely displayed QGM (Queens Gallantry Medal) on GP surgery website**
- **Convicted of repeated fraud**
- **Sentenced to 2 years in prison, suspended for 2 years**
- **Failure to adhere to the standards expected of the profession, conduct likely to bring profession into disrepute, behaviour likely to undermine public confidence in the profession**

OUTCOME



- **Behaviour amounted to misconduct**
- **Fitness to practise impaired by reason of misconduct**
- **Misconduct, conviction & subsequent behaviour fundamentally incompatible with practising medicine. Sanction: erasure**

DR EDWARD HOLLOWAY F1 TRAINEE IN UROLOGY WEEKEND SICKNESS ABSENCE



- **Off sick Friday 21 to Monday 24 September 2012**
- **Off sick Thursday 11 to Sunday 14 October 2012**
- **Off sick 6 November 2012**
- **Received sickness pay from Trust**
- **Foundation Training Programme Manager was watching “Horse and Country” (equestrian events) on Sky TV and recognized Dr Holloway’s voice as being the commentator**



WELL TRAVELLED COMMENTATOR



- **Plantation Field, Philadelphia**
- **Boekelo, Netherlands**
- **California**

EQUESTRIAN COMMENTATOR



- **Summarily dismissed at Trust disciplinary hearing**
- **Pleaded guilty to charge of fraud by false representation. Fined £700 and ordered to repay the overpayment of salary of £708.35**
- **MPTS noted dishonesty on 3 occasions in a period of 2 months, on each occasion given an opportunity to be honest but he chose to fabricate intricate, detailed and ongoing tales. Deceived employer and Foundation Programme Director, which destroyed trust of colleagues who had been very supportive. When giving evidence he showed persistent lack of insight and lack of acknowledgment of personal responsibility.**
- **Erasure.**

CONCLUSIONS

- **The extreme nature of many of these cases has come as a surprise**
- **These particular cases may not necessarily be representative of all cases**
- **One limitation is that the method will not include cases of doctors who for various potentially important reasons narrowly avoided erasure**