

PRESS STATEMENT

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Professional Standards Authority allowed to appeal High Court decision

The Professional Standards Authority renewed its application for permission to appeal against the decision of Mrs Justice Lang in the High Court. The judge had dismissed the Authority's appeal of a Health and Care Professions Council panel's decision in respect of Mr Doree. The panel's decision was to impose a caution, a decision which the Authority had argued was unduly lenient.

At a hearing this week, Lady Justice Hallett granted the Authority permission to appeal against the High Court's decision in the Court of Appeal, on all the grounds raised by the Authority.

A date will now be allocated for the hearing in the Court of Appeal.

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Notes to the Editor

1. The Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (previously known as the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence) oversees nine statutory bodies that regulate health and social care professionals in the UK.
2. We assess their performance and report to Parliament. We also conduct audits and investigations and can appeal fitness to practise cases to the courts if we consider that sanctions are unduly lenient and it is in the public interest.
3. We also set standards for organisations holding voluntary registers for health and social care occupations and accredit those that meet them.
4. We share good practice and knowledge, conduct research and introduce new ideas to our sector. We monitor policy developments in the UK and internationally and provide advice on issues relating to professional standards in health and social care.
5. We do this to promote the health, safety and well-being of users of health and social care services and the public. We are an independent body, accountable to the UK Parliament.
6. Our values are at the heart of who we are and what we do. We are committed to being impartial, fair, accessible and consistent in the application of our values.
7. More information about our work and the approach we take is available at www.professionalstandards.org.uk