

Dr Liam O'Droma (Registration number 17/75)

Dr Liam O'Droma of 2 Radharc An Oileain, Harbour Road, Howth, Co Dublin was found guilty of professional misconduct at an inquiry into his fitness to practise dentistry held one day in 2018 in relation to the following allegation(s).

1. *Failed to maintain and / or retain adequate clinical and / or diagnostic records arising from one or more consultations and/or interactions the patient on one or more of the following approximate dates:*
 - a. *31 March 2014; and/or*
 - b. *8 April 2014; and/or*
 - c. *2 May 2014 or 6 May 2014; and/or*
 - d. *3 June 2014; and/or*
 - e. *11 June 2014; and/or*
 - f. *9 June 2014; and/or*
 - g. *12 June 2014; and/or*
 - h. *18 September 2014; and/or*
 - i. *3 December 2014; and/or*

2. *On or around 3 December 2014, when you knew or ought to have known that the angulation between the implants and tooth 2.6 would prevent one or more of the patrices being attached, you persisted in treatment without seeking appropriate assistance.*

The Dental Council at its meeting on 28 February was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the allegation(s) were proven against Dr O'Droma and that he is guilty of professional misconduct. At its meeting on 3 May 2019, the Dental Council decided to attach the following conditions to the retention of his name on the register of Dentists.

1. The Registrant shall submit to a prospective audit of his practice by an appropriate person nominated by or on behalf of the Dental Council, with a specific focus on (1) clinical record keeping and (2) the safe keeping, prescribing and dispensing of medicines. The practice audit shall take place as soon as practicable.

Following the practice audit, the nominated person shall furnish the Dental Council and the Registrant with a report and the Registrant shall act on any recommendations made therein and provide evidence of compliance with such recommendations to the nominated person and the Registrar.

Two further inspections by the same nominated person shall be carried out at four monthly intervals following the first inspection to confirm satisfactory progress with

regard to implementation of, and compliance with, the recommendations of the initial audit report.

2. An appropriate person shall be nominated by or on behalf of the Dental Council to act as a mentor to the Registrant in respect of his prosthodontics/implantology practice over a 2 year period.

The mentor shall engage with the Registrant at least four times per year in that period, reviewing the progress of his work load in that area of his practice and advising him on issues arising.

The mentor shall issue a report to the Registrar after each visit and the Registrant shall not continue his prosthodontics/implantology practice unless the reports recommend that it is appropriate for him to do so.

3. The Registrant shall complete such courses and/or modules as are identified by or on behalf of the Dental Council relating to—
 - (i) prosthodontics, implantology and removable partial denture theory,
 - (ii) the safe prescribing, dispensing and storage of medicines, and
 - (iii) record keeping.

These courses/modules shall be completed at the earliest available opportunity and, in any event, within a period of 12 months from the imposition of this condition.

The Registrant shall give to the Registrar evidence of his satisfactory participation in and completion of such courses/modules.

If, for any reason, it is not possible for the Registrant to attend or complete any such courses/modules within the 12 month period, the Registrant shall notify the Registrar and shall attend and complete any alternative courses/modules identified by the Registrar and provide evidence of such attendance and completion.

4. The Registrant shall bear the costs of carrying out, and complying with, conditions 1 to 3.

The Council also decided to publish this decision.

The decision to attach these conditions to the retention of Dr O'Droma's name on the register of Dentists was confirmed by the President of the High Court, Mr Justice Kelly, on 16 July 2019 and with effect from that date.