



Bord Altranais agus
Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann
Nursing and Midwifery Board
of Ireland

Findings and Decisions following Fitness to Practise Committee Inquiries

Name: Ms. Kathleen Ann A. Kelly, P.I.N. 2408

Finding of the Fitness to Practise Committee: Professional misconduct and unfitness to engage in the practice of nursing by reason of physical or mental disability.

That you, being a registered nurse:

On one or more occasions between on or around 31st August 2010 and on or around 11th October 2011, sent complaints and/or correspondence to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland and/or An Garda Síochána, Blackrock, Co Dublin and/or Mr. A, Mental Health Specialist – Location X and/or one or more other bodies in respect of one or more registered nurses in circumstances where:

- there was inadequate evidence to support the making of such complaint(s) and/or the sending of such correspondence and;
- you knew or ought to have known that given the serious nature of such complaints and/or correspondence and/or the manner in which they were communicated and/or the parties to whom they were communicated that they were likely to cause significant difficulty and/or reputational damage to one or more of the persons referred to therein and;
- one or more such complaints and/or correspondence purported to have been sent by other persons and;
- one or more such complaints and/or correspondence were sent on Hospital Y nursing record paper and/or letterhead without any or any adequate authority and;

- one or more of such complaints and/or correspondence purported to be, but were not, medical and/or nursing notes and/or HSE correspondence and;

You suffer from a mental disability such as to render you unfit to engage in the practice of nursing.

Sanction: Pursuant to Section 39 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1985, Ms. Kelly's name was erased from the register of nurses and midwives (the Register). The decision to erase Ms. Kelly's name from the Register was confirmed by the High Court on 23rd June 2014.