



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

**Findings and Decisions  
Following  
Fitness to Practise Committee Inquiries  
(Nurses Act, 1985)**

**NAME: Ms Mary Elizabeth Mealy; PIN: 58146**

**Findings of the Fitness to Practise Committee: Professional misconduct**

**Allegations proven:**

That you, being a registered nurse, while employed as Director of Nursing and/or Person In Charge and/or Director of Care at Nursing Home X:

- On or around 21 and/or 22 August 2012, in respect of Mr A, a resident in your care:
  - Failed to administer some or all of the medication which was due to be administered at 13.00;
  - Failed to record a reason in the Drug Prescription Record why you had failed to administer some or all of the medication which was due to be administered at 13.00;
  - Recorded in the nursing notes that all care had been given when you knew or ought to have known that this was not the case;
  
- On or around 22 August 2012, in respect of Mr B, a resident in your care:
  - Failed to administer some or all of his morning medication, in a timely manner or at all;
  - Administered medication in the morning, which you knew or ought to have known was to be administered in the evening;
  - Recorded in the Drug Prescription Record that you had administered some or all of his morning medication, when you knew or ought to have known that this was not the case;
  
- On or around 22 August 2012, in respect of Mr C, a resident in your care:
  - Failed to administer some or all of his morning medication, to include digoxin, in a timely manner or at all;
  - In his nursing notes:
    - Failed to record that he had refused some or all of his morning medication;
    - Recorded that all care had been given as per plan when you knew or ought to have known that this was not the case;

- Failed to record the efforts that you made to administer his morning medication to him;
- On or around 22 August 2012, in respect of Ms D, a resident in your care:
  - Failed to administer some or all of her morning medication in a timely manner and/or at all,
  - Failed to record a reason in the Drug Prescription Record why you failed to administer her morning medication;
  - Recorded in the nursing notes that all care had been given when you knew or ought to have known that this was not the case;
- On or around 22 August 2012, in respect of Ms E, a resident in your care:
  - Failed to administer some or all of her morning medication in a timely manner and/or at all;
  - Recorded in the Drug Prescription Record that you had administered her morning medication, when you knew, or ought to have known, that this was not the case;
  - Failed to record in the nursing notes that you failed to administer some or all of her morning medication;
- On or around 22 August 2012, requested the cleaner to dispose into the rubbish a plastic bag which you gave to her, which plastic bag contained some or all of the following:
  - medication, to include some or all of the medication referred to above;
  - lids of Biodose containers upon which one or more residents' names were printed.

**Sanction:** Pursuant to Section 41(1) of the Nurses Act, 1985, Ms Mealy was **censured** in relation to her professional misconduct and pursuant to Section 40(1) of the Act, a **Condition** was attached to the retention of Ms Mealy's name in the Register of Nurses and Midwives. The decision to attach a condition to the retention of Ms Mealy's name in the Register of Nurses and Midwives was confirmed by the High Court on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015.