



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

Name: Ms. Ann O’Ceallaigh; PIN: 33495

Finding of the Fitness to Practise Committee: Professional Misconduct.

Allegations proven:

That while engaged as a domiciliary midwife to Ms. A during the period from November 2006 to April 20th 2007, you:

- Failed to comply with An Bord Altranais Guidelines for Midwives (Third Edition) 2001 and in particular Part 7, Part 8 and Part 10 thereof.
- Failed to discuss with Ms. A the circumstances that might arise which would cause you to recommend consultation with another health professional and/or the transfer to a maternity facility and/or to document any such discussions that did take place.
- Failed to recommend to Ms. A consultation with another health professional and/or the transfer to a maternity facility during the course of her labour from April 18th to April 20th 2007 and/or to document any such discussions that did take place.
- Failed to discuss with Ms. A the abnormal progress of her labour from April 19th onwards and/or to document any such discussions that did take place.
- Failed to diagnose, and/or take appropriate action in respect of, the abnormal progress of the first stage of labour.
- Failed to give any appropriate consideration to the possibility of malpositioning of the fetal head.
- Failed to document any abnormal findings in respect of the first stage of labour and/or any plan in relation to same.
- Failed to diagnose, and/or take appropriate action in respect of, the abnormal progress of the second stage of labour.
- Failed to adequately and/or appropriately carry out resuscitation on Ms. A’s baby.
- Failed to accurately communicate relevant information relating to the labour, birth, and resuscitation to the staff in Hospital X, and in particular failed to communicate an accurate time of birth.

Sanction: Pursuant to Section 39 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1985, Ms. O’Ceallaigh’s name was **erased** from the Register. The decision to erase Ms. O’Ceallaigh’s name from the Register was confirmed by the High Court on 15th July, 2013.