



Findings and Decisions following Fitness to Practise Committee Inquiry Nurses Act, 1985

Name: Ms. Maeve (Mescall) O'Connor, 131939

Finding of the Fitness to Practise Committee: Professional Misconduct

Allegations proven against Ms. (Mescall) O'Connor

That you being a registered nurse while employed as a staff nurse at X Hospital, on one or more dates between 29th December 2006 and 19th January 2007:

- took one or more Temazepam (Normison) tablets from the unit in which you were on duty for the purposes of self-administration of some or all of same and/or
- took one or more Temazepam (Normison) tablets from a unit in which you were not on duty for the purposes of self-administration and/or
- failed to record, either at all or adequately, in the relevant drug register the taking of one or more of the tablets referred to above and/or
- self-administered some or all of the tablets referred to above and/or
- engaged in the practise of nursing while under the influence of alcohol and/or Temazepam (Normison) and/or
- engaged in the “topping up” of quantities Temazepam (Normison) tablets, a practise which did not comply with safe medication management procedures and/or which may have endangered patient safety.

Board Sanction: Pursuant to Section 41 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1985, Ms. (Mescall) O'Connor was **censured** in relation to her professional misconduct and pursuant to Section 40 (1) of the Act, **conditions** were attached to the retention of her name in the Register of Nurses. The decision to attach conditions to the retention of Ms. (Mescall) O'Connor's name in the Register was confirmed by the High Court on 28th July, 2008.