



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

Findings and Decisions following Fitness to Practise Committee Inquiries

Name: Ms Eleanor (Ellie) O'Dwyer; PIN: 55427

Finding of the Fitness to Practise Committee: Professional misconduct

Allegations proven:

While employed as a staff nurse at Hospital X, you fell seriously short of the standard of nursing practice that could be expected in that:

- On or around 06 September 2010 and/or 07 September 2010 and/or 08 September 2010 you:
 - Failed to adhere to the correct procedure for the signing of medication for one or more of the following patients who were under your care:
 - Ms A.
 - Failed to adequately record the clinical observations and/or the vital signs of one or more of the following patients who were under your care:
 - Mr B, and
 - Ms A.
- On or around the night of 17 and/or 18 September 2010 and/or the night of 18 and/or 19 September 2010:
 - in relation to one or more of the patients in your care, you:
 - Failed to administer medication in a timely manner, and;
 - Recorded the observations of the patients on a piece of paper which was not the patients' observation charts, when you knew or ought to know that this was inappropriate, and;
 - in relation to Ms C, a patient in your care, you:
 - failed to record the clinical observations of Ms C on her observation chart on her first night post-surgery, and;
 - recorded the observations of Ms C on a piece of paper which was not Ms C's observation chart, when you know or ought to know that this was inappropriate, and;

- in relation to Mr D, a patient in your care, you:
 - failed to administer in a timely manner to Mr D his Sevredol medication, and;
 - in relation to Mr E, a patient in your care, you:
 - recorded in Mr E's observation chart that his temperature was 38 degrees Celsius when you told Mr E that you had in fact monitored his temperature as a lower reading of either 37.3 or 37.8 degrees Celsius, and;
 - Failed to record the clinical observations and/or the vital signs of one or more of the following patients who were under your care in the patients observations charts:
 - Mr F, and
 - Mr E, and
 - Ms C, and
 - Mr G, and
 - Mr H, and
 - Mr I, and
 - Mr J, and
 - Ms K, and
 - Ms L.
 - failed to correctly record the date on the clinical observation chart of the following patient who was under your care:
 - Ms M, and;
 - failed to communicate with nursing colleagues and/or the Night Superintendent in relation to the difficulties that you were encountering managing your case load, and;
- Arising from one or more of the Allegations above, the failure to comply on one or more occasions with the following:
 - An Bord Altranais "Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management" (July 2007),
 - An Bord Altranais "Recording Clinical Practise - Guidance to Nurses and Midwives" (November 2002), and
 - Policies, Procedures, Protocols and Guidelines (PPPG) in place in the Hospital.

Sanction: Pursuant to Section 41(1) of the Nurses Act, 1985, Ms O'Dwyer was **censured** in relation to her professional conduct.