

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

Name: Ms Natalie O'Riordan (Landers), PIN 1533

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

## **Allegations proven:**

That you, being a registered nurse, while in the employment of X Hospital on one or more occasions between on or around 1st September 2004 and on or around 29th July 2011:

- In circumstances where you had entered into one or more agreements with the Hospital in relation to on-going referral and monitoring by the Occupational Health Department:
  - o Failed to engage adequately or at all with the Occupational Health Department, to include a failure to attend scheduled appointments;
  - Failed to provide one or more blood and/or urine and/or breath samples to the Occupational Health Department;
- Failed to attend for duty when you knew or ought to have known that you were rostered for duty and /or without making any or any adequate arrangements in respect of notice and/or cover on dates to include one or more of the following;
  - On or around 4th June 2008;
  - On or around 8th June 2010;
- Failed to provide any or any adequate medical certificates during one or more absences from work to include the period from on or around 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 to on or around 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011;

- On or around 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007, when you were rostered for duty, failed to inform the Assistant Director of Nursing and/or your line managers that you were leaving work prior to your scheduled finishing time;
- That you suffer from an addiction to alcohol.

**Sanction:** Pursuant to Section 39 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1985, Ms. O'Riordan's (Landers) name was **erased** from the register of nurses and midwives (the Register). The decision to erase Ms. O'Riordan's (Landers) name from the Register was confirmed by the High Court on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.