

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

Name: Ms. Jacqueline O'Riordan, (Murphy) P.I.N. 53710

Finding of the Fitness to Practise Committee: Professional Misconduct

Allegations proven:

That you, being a registered nurse, while in the employment of X hospital on or around 18-19 July 2011;

Failed to respond adequately and/or at all to the symptoms and/or complaints of Ms X, a resident in your care, to include chest pain and/or chest discomfort and/or hyperventilation, in that you:

- o Administered 0.5 millilitres of sterile water intramuscularly to Ms X, when you knew or ought to have known that this was not prescribed.
- o Administered 0.5 millilitres of sterile water intramuscularly to Ms X as a placebo when you knew or ought to have known that this was inappropriate
- o Arising from the above, placed the health and/or welfare of Ms X at risk and/or failed to act in the best interests of Ms. X

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