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Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann  
Nursing and Midwifery Board  
of Ireland

## **Findings and Decisions following Fitness to Practise Committee Inquiries**

**Name: Ms Mary Monica (Marie) O’Sullivan, PIN: 34464**

**Finding of the Fitness to Practise Committee: Professional misconduct**

### **Allegations proven:**

That you, being a registered nurse, while employed as a staff nurse at healthcare facility X:

On one or more unspecified dates between on or around September 2009 and on or around October 2010 made one or more telephone calls and/or sent one or more text messages to Ms Y, the mother of Mr Y, a resident of healthcare facility X in circumstances where:

- you did not have any or adequate authority and/or clinical justification to copy Ms Y’s telephone number from Mr Y’s records
- you knew or ought to have known that there was no clinical basis for such telephone calls and/or text messages
- you were not on duty
- you made one or more inappropriate comments to include a comment that “he is not dead then, thank God”
- Ms Y had requested that you would not contact her
- you knew or ought to have known that such telephone calls and/or text messages were not in Mr Y’s best interests and/or you knew or ought to have known that such contact could have adversely affected the relationship between healthcare facility X and the Y family
- you had ingested medication, to include Paramax, which you knew or ought to have known could affect your behaviour and/or judgment.

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