



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

Name: Ms. Julia Mary Whyte, P.I.N. 115753

Finding of the Fitness to Practise Committee: Professional Misconduct

Allegations proven:

That you, being a registered nurse, while employed as a staff nurse at X Hospital, failed to provide any or any adequate care to one or more patients in your care and/or failed to show one or more residents due dignity and/or respect, when you:

on or around 16 July 2011, in respect of care afforded to Ms A, a patient in your care:

- assisted Ms A with her Activities of Daily Living, to include using the hoist and/or dressing Ms A without the assistance of another staff member, when you knew or ought to have known that this was inappropriate as in her care plan.
- failed to clean and/or wash Ms A adequately or at all
- placed the health and/or safety of Ms A at risk

on or around 21 July 2011 in respect of care afforded to Ms B, a patient in your care:

- failed to ensure that Ms B was placed and/or supported in an upright sitting position in the bed
- attended to Ms B, to include putting Ms B on a bedpan and/or taking Ms B off a bedpan, without the assistance of another staff member, when you knew or ought to have known that this was inappropriate and/or

- placed the health and/or safety of Ms B at risk and/or

On an unidentified date, prior to 19 July 2011:

- Removed one or more Hospital records from the Hospital
- Failed to ensure that the records referred to above were properly disposed of
- Arising from the above Allegation failed to safeguard the confidentiality of one or more patients' records when you knew or ought to have known that this was in breach of Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland's *The Code of Professional Conduct for each Nurse and Midwife (April 2000)*
- Arising from one or more of allegations above, fell seriously short of the standard of conduct expected of a registered nurse

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