



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

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

Name: Ms. Margaret Marian Dowling; PIN: 36002

Finding of the Fitness to Practise Committee: Professional misconduct

Allegations proven:

When you were a nurse employed at X Hospital, on or about the 21st, 22nd and 23rd June, 2006, you:

- failed to provide adequate nursing care to a patient Ms. A, who was under your care;
- failed to make a full and/or adequate record of relevant information, including Ms. A's condition, care, the circumstances of her death and/or events thereafter and/or failing to ensure such records were made and/or kept;
- You failed to inform nursing staff coming on duty after you and/or Dr. A and/or B and/or any other appropriate person of the full and/or true circumstances of Ms. A's death either in a timely manner or at all;
- During investigations into the circumstances of the death of Ms. A you furnished information to the Garda and/or hospital authorities which you knew was incomplete, inaccurate and/or untrue.

Sanction: Pursuant to Section 39(1) of the Nurses Act, 1985, Ms. Dowling was **suspended** from the Register of Nurses and Midwives for six months in relation to her professional conduct and pursuant to Section 40(1) of the Act, **Conditions** were attached to the retention of Ms. Dowling's name in the Register of Nurses and Midwives. The decision to suspend Ms. Dowling from the Register of Nurses and Midwives and to attach Conditions to the retention of her name in the Register of Nurses and Midwives was confirmed by the High Court on 11th December, 2017.