



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

**Name: Mary Teresa Cummins, P.I.N. 48422**  
**Finding of the Fitness to Practise Committee: Professional Misconduct.**

### **Allegations proven:**

That you, being a registered nurse, while working at X between on or around 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 and on or around 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009:

- On one or more occasions, took one or more valium tablets from X without any authority;
- On one or more occasions, took one or more valium tablets from X without any authority for the purposes of self-administration;
- On one or more occasions, engaged in the practise of nursing at X having consumed unprescribed valium and/or other drugs;
- On one or more occasions, ordered valium, purportedly for one or more service users, for the purposes of self-administration;
- On or around 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009, stated that one or more valium tablets had fallen from the medication trolley when you knew that was not the case and that in fact you had taken one or more of the valium.

**Sanction:** Pursuant to Section 41 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1985, Ms. Cummins was **advised** in relation to her professional conduct and pursuant to Section 40 (1) of the Act, **conditions** were attached to the retention of her name in the Register of Nurses and Midwives. The decision to attach conditions to the retention of Ms. Cummins's name in the Register of Nurses and Midwives was confirmed by the High Court on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.