

Mr Yann Maidment

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By email only: request-388414-79d11a2a@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Maidment,

Thank you for your information request of 7 February 2017. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

You have requested information on "*FtP (Fitness to Practice) cases regarding dentists whose FtP has been found impaired since 2010 due in whole or in part to poor communication by the dentist: specifically to look at whether there is a pattern with respect to the country of origin or country of qualification of the dentist(s) concerned*".

We have conducted a search of our fitness to practise case records from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2016 including. We consider data for the last 4 full years to be most reliable, robust and complete, given the transition to the current Customer Relationship Management system, in which our FTP records are stored, took place in April 2012. Since you have stated no preference between using either country of origin or country of qualification, we have used the country of qualification in our search as it is a more highly populated field in our database, than the country of nationality field, and would provide fuller results.

The search results are concerning registrants of registration type Dentist that have been found to have an impairment at one of our Practice Committees – the [Professional Conduct Committee](#) (PCC), the [Professional Performance Committee](#) (PPC) or the [Health Committee](#) (HC). The following hearing outcomes have been considered as an impairment: suspension, conditions, erasure and a reprimand.

To select the cases where an impairment was due in whole or in part to poor communication we have looked at what we call "case considerations". These are categories applied to cases which reflect the allegation(s) raised against a registrant. In 4 years, there have been 25 relevant Fitness to Practise hearings recorded against cases resulting from the "Communicating effectively" group under the sub-group: "Not communicating effectively".

The table below provides the number of cases along with country of qualification of the dentist concerned where the country of qualification is known. Where there is no number entered in relation to a particular country in the column for any year, that indicates there were *no* cases of impairment involving a dentist qualified in that country in that year.

Please note the yearly totals provided are subject to the above conditions being met and are not equal to total overall Prosecution case numbers that year (please visit our website for more information on the relevant annual reports: <https://www.gdc-uk.org/about/what-we-do/publications>).

There were zero cases that satisfy the specified criteria recorded in 2013.

You can find links to all of the Practice Committee decisions that are still published on the GDC website in Appendix1.

Country Of Qualification	2014	2015	2016	Grand Total
UNITED KINGDOM	1	3	9	13
SWEDEN			1	1
SOUTH AFRICA			3	3
AUSTRALIA			1	1
GERMANY			2	2
GREECE	1			1
SPAIN			2	2
DENMARK			1	1
ROMANIA			1	1
Grand Total	2	3	20	25

Internal review and complaints procedure

I hope you have found my response helpful. However, if you are unhappy with our reply or with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review of our decision by writing to our Principal Legal Advisor at the following address:

Lisa Marie Roca
Principal Legal Advisor
General Dental Council
37 Wimpole Street
London
W1G 8DQ

Email: foirequests@gdc-uk.org

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Tamila Dovgopolaja
Management Information Officer
General Dental Council

Appendix1.

1. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=lu2%207sb&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=82640&SortAscending=True>
2. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=WC2H%209HE&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=51642&SortAscending=True>
3. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=B95%205QD&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=61505&SortAscending=True>
4. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=BN3%203EF&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=102897&SortAscending=True>
5. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=LN1%202UZ&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=160293&SortAscending=True>
6. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=AB10%206FP&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=71647&SortAscending=True>
7. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=WA15%200RP&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=68944&SortAscending=True>
8. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=CV1%204AR&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=84385&SortAscending=True>
9. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=RH12%201TU&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=73835&SortAscending=True>
10. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=CO15%204RY&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=78420&SortAscending=True>
11. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=CO15%204RY&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=78420&SortAscending=True>

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12. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=NR5%209HX&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=80055&SortAscending=True>
13. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=SN5%205FA&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=82838&SortAscending=True>
14. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=CO15%203AW&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=48640&SortAscending=True>
15. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=B91%203SB&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=75467&SortAscending=True>
16. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=DD5%203PA&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=54160&SortAscending=True>
17. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=ME16%208PE&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=60399&SortAscending=True>
18. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&Surname=Okechukwu-Funk&SurnameSoundsLike=False&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=166242&SortAscending=True>
19. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&Surname=Malatsi&SurnameSoundsLike=False&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=83063&SortAscending=True>
20. <https://olr.gdc-uk.org/SearchRegister/SearchResults?Register=All&FirstNameSoundsLike=False&SurnameSoundsLike=False&Postcode=SN1%204AU&IncludeErasedRegistrants=False&RegistrationNumber=84880&SortAscending=True>