

Mr W Jack

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By email only: [request-388427-3d7d17ca@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-388427-3d7d17ca@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Mr Jack,

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 *"the number of dentists from each country of qualification whose Fitness to Practice has been found impaired since 2010"*.

We have conducted a search of our fitness to practise case records from 1 January 2013 to 1 January 2017. 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.

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.

The table below provides the number of cases where any of the above criteria were satisfied along with country of qualification of the dentist concerned. 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.

Country Of Qualification	2013	2014	2015	2016
UNITED KINGDOM	58	82	114	121
SWEDEN	5	8	12	13
HUNGARY	1	2	7	6
SOUTH AFRICA	9	6	10	14
AUSTRALIA		1		2
BULGARIA	2	6	3	6
GERMANY	5	9	3	5
GREECE	1	3	4	3
SPAIN		3	4	10
BELGIUM	1	1		1
CROATIA				1
CZECH REPUBLIC			2	1
DENMARK		1	2	1
FRANCE				1
IRELAND			1	1
ITALY	1	1		
LITHUANIA	2	1	1	1
NETHERLANDS	1			
POLAND	2	7	6	4
PORTUGAL	1	2	1	1
ROMANIA	1	6	8	9
SINGAPORE	2	2	1	1
SLOVAKIA				2
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>204</b>

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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:

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Principal Legal Advisor  
General Dental Council  
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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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*Management Information Officer*  
**General Dental Council**