

There follows the outcome of recent Inquiries heard before the Statutory Committee of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

Monday 23, Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 October 2006:

1. The Committee adjourned the Inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against Mr Bijal Vithalbhai Patel (Registration no. 84459) and Greenoaks Pharmacy Ltd (Identification no. 1003087) to deliver the determination at a later date.
2. Following the Inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against [Ms Tanusha Jeena](#) (Registration no. 1078315) and [Mr Hiteshkumar Vanmalibhai Patel](#) (Registration no. F567), the Committee directed that no further action be taken against Ms Jeena. In relation to Mr Patel, the Committee issued a reprimand after finding proved the Council's allegation that the supply of the following against a prescription calling for (inter alia) 84 Allopurinol tablets 100mg: (a) a manufacturer's box marked Allopurinol containing 32 Allopurinol 100mg tablets, (being 28 tablets plus 4 additional tablets in a cut blister foil bearing no batch number or expiry date) containing no patient information leaflet and labelled as 28 Allopurinol 100mg tablets; (b) a white carton containing 24 Atenolol 100mg tablets and a patient information leaflet for Allopurinol, labelled as 28 Allopurinol 100mg tablets; and (c) a manufacturer's box marked Atenolol containing 28 Atenolol 100mg tablets and a patient information leaflet for Atenolol, labelled as 28 Allopurinol 100mg tablets; and a failure to ensure that a retrievable record of the pharmacist taking responsibility for the provision of each pharmacy service, amounted to misconduct.
3. Following the Inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against Mr Owynn Llewellyn Ronald Baker (Registration no. 87556), the Committee issued Mr Baker with an admonition. The Committee found proved the allegation that the theft of 72 x Dihydrocodeine tablets; taking without authority a patient-returned pack of Dihydrocodeine tablets; taking without the authority of a prescription a quantity of Amitryptiline tablets; the possession of a Class C drug contrary to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1972; and the possession of two offensive weapons contrary to the Prevention of Crime Act 1953, amounted to misconduct.
4. Following the Inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against [Mr Samuel Edwin Ashby](#) (Registration no. R6879) (*see also [Alert notice](#)*) the Committee directed the removal of Mr Ashby's name from the Register. The Committee found proved the allegation that a number of dispensing errors; unprofessional behaviour towards members of staff, on occasion in the presence of customers; the removal of patient returned medicines for his own use; the use of medicines not prescribed for him; a failure to assist a patient appropriately; the use of aggressive and offensive language towards an Inspector and a Pharmacist Advisor of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain; the dispensing of medicinal products otherwise than in accordance with a prescription; a failure to read the Code of Ethics; the physical assault of a member of staff and a failure to co-operate with the Society's investigation into the above incident, amounted to misconduct. Under Section 11 of the Pharmacy Act 1954, the direction to remove Mr Ashby's name from the Register is not to take effect until the expiration of a period of three months from the date on which notice of removal

was given or in a case where an appeal has been brought against the direction, until the appeal is determined or withdrawn.

5. Following an Inquiry, the Committee directed that no further action be taken against Mr Michael Murray (Registration no. 67466) who was convicted of driving a motor vehicle after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in his breath exceeded the prescribed limit (contrary to section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988).
6. Following the Inquiry into Ms Gillian Case (Registration no. 68186), who was convicted of driving a motor vehicle after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in her breath exceeded the prescribed limit (contrary to section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988), the Committee issued Ms Case with a reprimand.

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