



**Findings of the Fitness to Practise Committee  
following an Inquiry held pursuant to Part 8  
of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007**

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<b>Registered Medical Practitioner:</b>	Dr David Murphy
<b>Registration Number:</b>	07226
<b>Registered Address:</b>	'Lisvane' Curraheen Road Ballinveltig Cork.
<b>Date of Inquiry:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015
<b>Members of Inquiry Committee:</b>	Mr Declan Carey (Chair) Ms Úna Marren Bell Professor Anthony Cunningham
<b>Legal Assessor:</b>	Mr Seamus Woulfe SC
<b>Appearances - For the Chief Executive:</b>	Mr Tom Hogan BL instructed by Mc Dowell Purcell Solicitors.
<b>For the Practitioner:</b>	Mr Shane Murphy BL instructed by Barry Galvin Solicitors

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**Findings of the Committee:**

**Allegation 1:**

That Dr Murphy prescribed the drugs in the quantities and/or strengths recited in the attached spreadsheet which was inappropriate

Having regard to the evidence adduced, the Committee found that :

Allegation 1 was proven as to fact.

Reason:

This was admitted by the practitioner.

Allegation 1 did amount to poor professional performance.

Reason:

The admission by the practitioner.

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**Allegation 2:**

That Dr Murphy failed to refer one or more of the patients to a specialist substance misuse practitioner or drug treatment centre

Allegation 2 was proven as to fact.

Reason:

This was admitted by the practitioner.

Allegation 2 did amount to poor professional performance.

Reason:

The admission by the practitioner.

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**Allegation 3:**

That Dr Murphy failed to take any or adequate history prior to or during the treatment of one or more patients

Allegation 3 was proven as to fact.

Reason:

This was admitted by the practitioner.

Allegation 3 did amount to poor professional performance.

Reason:

The admission by the practitioner.

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**Allegation 4:**

That Dr Murphy failed to maintain any or adequate medical records in relation to one or more of the patients

Allegation 4 was proven as to fact.

Reason:

This was admitted by the practitioner.

Allegation 4 did amount to poor professional performance.

Reason:

The admission by the practitioner.

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**Allegation 5:**

This allegation was not pursued by the CEO.

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The allegation of poor professional performance is:

In relation to one or more of the factual allegations and/or sub allegations listed at 1 – 4 above, you failed to meet the standards of competence (whether in knowledge and skill or the application of knowledge and skill or both) that can reasonably be expected of a general practitioner

The Committee found that this allegation was proven.

Reason:

The admissions made by Dr Murphy.



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Chairperson

6<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

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Date