



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

Registered Medical Practitioner:	Dr Mashood Ahmed
Registration Number:	014486
Registered Address:	1 Leopardstown Rise Leopardstown Road Foxrock Dublin 18
Date of Inquiry:	5 th , 6 th 15 th & 19 th June 2012
Members of Inquiry Committee:	Dr Danny O'Hare Dr Mary Henry Prof David Morgan
Legal Assessor:	Mr Seamus Woulfe SC
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For the Practitioner:	Mr Oisin Quinn SC instructed by Ms Kathleen Byrne of Matheson Ormsby Prentice Solicitors

Findings of the Committee:

Allegation 1:

That Mr. Ahmed failed to ensure that he had any or adequate procedure(s) in place so that the results of biopsies carried out on his patient(s) were pursued.

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

Allegation 1 was not proven as to fact.

Reason

The Committee was satisfied that Mr. Ahmed did not receive a copy of the biopsy result in this case, contrary to the impression given in the letter dated 29th October 2010 from the HSE to Mrs. S, and that he was not at fault in relation to same. The Committee was

satisfied that Mr. Ahmed did have adequate procedures for pursuing and considering biopsy results for both public and private patients, but that Mr. S fell through a gap between the two sets of procedures by reason of a number of errors and failures in the overall system within which he was required to operate.

Allegation 2:

That Mr. Ahmed failed to take any or adequate steps consequent on the removal of a skin biopsy from his patient, Mr. S, on or around 14th August 2008 at St. Colmcille's Hospital to include:

- a) Failing to arrange for the result of the biopsy referred to above to be pursued and/or considered and/or
- b) Failing to ensure that a follow up appointment for Mr. S.

Allegation 2(a) was not proven as to fact.

Reason:

The Committee was satisfied that while as a matter of fact Mr. Ahmed did not arrange for the result of the biopsy to be pursued and/or considered, this was not a failure on his part to take adequate steps having regard to the Committee's finding at allegation 1 above.

Allegation 2(b) was not proven as to fact.

Reason:

The Committee was satisfied that while as a matter of fact Mr. Ahmed did not ensure that a follow up appointment for Mr. S was arranged, this was not a failure on his part to take adequate steps having regard to the Committee's finding at allegation 1 above.

Other matters relating to the registered medical practitioner the subject of the complaint which the Committee considers appropriate to specify:

The Committee notes that the patient, having been referred by the GP practice, Mr Ahmed moved with alacrity to arrange immediate treatment; furthermore, Mr. Ahmed referred him appropriately to the public system.

Mr. Ahmed, unfortunately, had a misplaced confidence in the system for reporting laboratory reports in St. Colmcille's Hospital and the Committee would hope that these deficiencies which, became obvious during the course of the inquiry, have been rectified.



Chairperson

19th June, 2012

Date