

**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 Rihab Osama Elsid Elfil
Registration Number:	319499
Registered Address:	131 Lansdowne Gate Drimnagh Dublin12 Ireland
Date of Inquiry:	14 th September, 2012
Members of Inquiry Committee:	Dr. John Monaghan (Chair) Ms. Meg Murphy Mr. Robert Burke
Legal Assessor:	Mr. Seamus Woulfe, S.C.
Appearances - For the Chief Executive:	Mr. JP Mc Dowell of Mc Dowell Purcell Solicitors.
For the Practitioner:	Not present

Findings of the Committee:

Allegation 1:

That on or around 4 June 2009, Dr Elfil told Dr Michael Sweeney that she had to go to the United Arab Emirates because her Fiancée had been involved in a car accident in Dubai, in circumstances where she knew or ought to have known that this was not the case.

Allegation 1 was withdrawn.

Allegation 2:

That Dr Elfil, having left Ireland at the start of June, failed thereafter to fulfil the terms of her contract of employment with Sligo General Hospital.

Allegation 2 was proven as to fact.

Reason:

The evidence of Drs Cunningham and Healy together with the admission made by Dr Elfil in her letter dated 6th October 2007 established this beyond reasonable doubt.

Allegation 2 did amount to professional misconduct.

Reason:

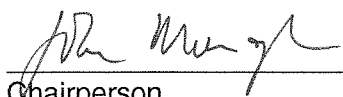
The Committee was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that this failure was a serious falling short of the standard of conduct expected of doctors, notwithstanding the particular circumstances of this case.

Dr Elfil was aware of the personal and cultural factors related to her marriage at the outset of her contract. She did not make adequate or timely efforts to address this issue prior to June 4th 2009.

Allegation 3:

That Dr Elfil failed to provide any or any adequate notice to Sligo General Hospital that she would not be fulfilling the terms of her said contract

Allegation 3 withdrawn.



Chairperson

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Date