

HEARING AID COUNCIL

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of

FAST-TRACK DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

held at

70 St Mary Axe
London EC3A 8BD
on

11 October 2007

PRESENT:

MR CHRIS HUGHES (Chair)

MR PETER ORMEROD
MR MICHAEL BISHOP
(Committee Members)

MS SIOBHAN GOODRICH: Legal Assessor
MRS JANET HAWTHORNE: Council's Solicitor
MS AMICIE KNOWLES: Committee Administrator

Case of: MR CHRISTOPHER ELCOCKS

The respondent did not attend.

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DECISION REGARDING SANCTION

CHAIR: Mr Elcocks failed in his obligation to one of his professional clients, in that in carrying out audiometry, he failed to do it in accordance with the Hearing Aid Council Code of Practice, which requires registered dispensers to follow the procedures of the British Society of Audiology. In his mitigation, Mr Elcocks indicates that he recognises his omission and that he has received some appropriate further training, and that he further states that he takes the whole matter very seriously. In the light of this mitigation and the circumstances of the case, the Committee imposes a sanction of £500, to be paid within three months. It also requires Mr Elcocks to undergo five CPD points of additional training in the areas of deficiency shown up in this case, this training to be in addition to his normal annual requirement, and to be carried out by 31 March 2008. I understand there is an application for costs.

DECISION REGARDING COSTS

CHAIR: Thank you. The total costs incurred in preparing this case and bringing it to hearing today are of the order of £2,500. Mr Elcocks has indicated his preparedness to pay costs of £1,000. In the circumstance the Committee, having considered the case, the proportionality between the costs and the matters under consideration, and the balance between costs being borne by the general regulated community, and the individual, concludes that an award of costs of £1,000 is not oppressive to Mr Elcocks, and therefore awards such costs to be paid within three months. Thank you.

[The hearing concluded]