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Communications to be addressed to THE REGISTRAR

Your reference

In reply please quote

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22nd July, 1986.

RECORDED DELIVERY : PERSONAL

Dear Madam,

The President of the Council has asked me to notify you, in accordance with Rule 6(3) of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) Rules 1980, that the Council has received from the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Health Authority, the Central Nottinghamshire Health Authority and the Solicitor to the Council information which appears to raise a question whether, as a provisionally registered medical practitioner, you have committed serious professional misconduct within the meaning of Section 36(1) of the Medical Act 1983. A copy of the relevant provisions is enclosed, together with copies of the Procedure Rules, and of a pamphlet, "Professional Conduct and Discipline: Fitness to Practise".

In the information it is alleged that:-

- (1) On a number of occasions during the latter part of 1984 and in January, 1985, whilst employed as a House Officer at the James Paget Hospital, Great Yarmouth, you repeatedly uttered remarks, in the presence of nursing staff, depreciating the character and professional abilities of Dr. Jonathan Correa, who was at that time also employed at the James Paget Hospital;
- (2) On 3rd December, 1984, when called to attend a patient [REDACTED] who had suffered a cardiac arrest, you failed to attend the patient as a matter of urgency, although
 - (a) you were informed that the patient's condition required immediate attention, and
 - (b) it was your responsibility as the House Officer on call in the surgical unit to attend the patient;
- (3) (i) On 18th May, 1985 at 7.00 p.m., when you were requested by Staff Nurse Angela Meredith, a member of the nursing staff on Edith Cavell Ward at Kings Mill Hospital, Mansfield, to attend a patient [REDACTED] who was experiencing chest pains and extreme difficulty in breathing, you refused to attend the patient, although
 - (a) you were informed that the patient was in need of immediate medical attention, and
 - (b) it was your responsibility as the House Officer on call to attend the patient;

(ii) in refusing to attend [REDACTED] you spoke in an inappropriate and threatening manner to Staff Nurse Meredith;

(iii) when subsequently, having been asked by another doctor to attend [REDACTED], you did so attend her, you

- (a) made inappropriate remarks to the patient
- (b) spoke in an inappropriate manner to the nursing staff present,
- (c) failed to carry out any adequate examination of the patient and
- (d) failed to administer or arrange any treatment for her;

(4) At about 11.00 a.m. on 5th June, 1985, whilst employed at Kings Mill Hospital, Mansfield, you used offensive and abusive language towards Sister Mary Burdon, a member of the nursing staff at the hospital.

As matters stand, it is the intention of the President to direct me, as Registrar, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10 of the Procedure Rules, to refer the information to the Preliminary Proceedings Committee of the Council. In this event it will be the duty of that Committee to consider information and any explanation furnished by you, and to determine whether the case shall be referred to the Professional Conduct Committee of the Council for inquiry into a charge or charges against you.

The next meeting of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee will be held on 1st October, 1986. It is in your interest that the Committee should have time to give careful consideration to any explanation you may wish to offer. I am accordingly to invite you to submit to the Council, at your earliest convenience and if possible by 22nd September, 1986, any explanation of the foregoing matters for consideration at that meeting.

I am to request you personally to acknowledge receipt of this letter, quoting the reference shown above.

Yours faithfully,

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