

NAME OF REGISTRANT: Geoffrey Fitzgerald
PROFESSION: State Registered Radiographer
HPC REF.NO: GF51TZ
DATE OF HEARING: 24/08/2004
COMMITTEE: (INVESTIGATING/CONDUCT & COMPETENCE/HEALTH) Resumed Hearing – Conduct & Competence
PANEL MEMBERS: Robert Clegg – Chair and Council Member Richard Price – Radiographer Hazel Davis – Lay Partner
LEGAL ASSESSOR: Michael Taylor
HPC'S SOLICITOR: Michael Caplan QC

CASE SUMMARY:

On 12/07/02 the Registrant admitted to having accessed internet sites of an inappropriate nature when on duty and whilst in the employ of the Cardiac Thoracic Centre, Liverpool NHS Trust between 29/09/01 and 14/11/01. The Committee postponed judgment for a period of two years on 12/07/02. At the resumed hearing the Committee were reminded of the facts of the original offence and considered the written submission and testimonials filed on behalf of the Registrant, who did not attend. The Committee were advised that The Health Professions Order 2001 (Transitional Provisions) Orders of Council 2003 applied to this case and in particular rule 9 (4) (a) and (b). Rule 9 (4) (a) states may not further postpone judgment pursuant to rule 12 (1) (d). Rule 9 (4) (b) sets out the procedure to be followed if, but for paragraph (a), the Committee would have further postponed judgment.

PANEL'S DECISION:

The Committee decided it would not have postponed judgment. The matter was therefore concluded.

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