

Some cases heard by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)

- Which of the HCPC standards have been breached?
- What sanction should the HCPC apply?

1. D was convicted of a criminal offence, dishonestly failing to disclose information to make a gain for self / another or cause / expose other to a loss. She had been running a private psychology business when she was on long term sickness absence from her part time employment as a psychologist for a health board. The value of D's fraud was calculated as £1,600. She has continued to deny any wrongdoing.

2. V was working as a clinical psychologist at a maximum security prison. Whilst there, he failed to follow security processes, behaviour in an unprofessional manner towards colleagues and frequently was unable to control his anger in the office. He was dismissed by his employer for his conduct.

3. T was working in rehabilitation for a fire fighters' charity. Whilst there she got to know Patient A. On discharge, Patient A made it clear that she wanted no further contact with TB. However, she went to her place of work and contacted her by social media, email, phone and text message.

4. G was working as a clinical psychologist. In the course of her work she treated and organised treatment for Miss A, who had a disturbed family background and a history of clinical problems. Following discharge, G was approached by Miss A outside the professional context for help. Subsequently, G had frequent social contact with Miss A, taking her out to dinner and going to the cinema and theatre. Miss A stayed and was treated several times in G's home and were in regular contact via telephone and Skype. G also shared with other patients show things that Miss A had disclosed during treatment.

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