

**DETERMINATION: Immediate Sanction**  
**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS TRIBUNAL: 21 February 2018**  
**Dr Valerie MURPHY (6104053)**

Dr Murphy:

1. Having determined that your name be suspended from the medical register, the Tribunal has considered, in accordance with Section 38 of the Medical Act 1983, as amended, whether your registration should be subject to an immediate order of suspension.
2. Ms Fairley referred the Tribunal to the relevant paragraphs of the SG that deal with immediate sanction and submitted, on behalf of the General Medical Council, that this is a case at the “top end of seriousness” and an immediate order is necessary to maintain public confidence in the profession.
3. Mr Partridge, on your behalf, submitted that it is a matter for the Tribunal.
4. The Tribunal has had regard to section 38 of the Medical Act 1983, as amended and to the Sanctions Guidance. Having considered the submissions, and in the light of all the circumstances of the case and serious misconduct found, the Tribunal is satisfied that it is necessary to protect patients and is in the wider public interest for your registration to be suspended forthwith. Therefore the Tribunal has determined that your registration is suspended with immediate effect.
5. The substantive direction for suspension, as already announced, will take effect 28 days from today, unless you lodge an appeal in the interim. If you do appeal, the immediate order for suspension will remain in force until the appeal is determined.
6. That concludes this case.