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Sent: 19 December 2013 21:33
To: Louise Buchan
Cc: Duncan Empey; Harvinder H Kaur
Subject: Fwd: Prof Eljamel - C3444935
Attachments: Prof Eljamel.pdf

Thank you for letting me know. I have included Duncan and Harvinder for their information.

Regards

Mark.

Dr Mark Ferreira
 Group Medical Director | BMI Healthcare

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From: Louise Buchan <louise.buchan [REDACTED] CAT E >
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Hi All

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Kindest regards

Louise Buchan
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From: Marcus Taylor
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Dear both

FYI

I have advised Louise to circulate further to all Scottish ED's to check for PP's



Prof Eljamel.pdf

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Dear Mr Paxton

Professor Sam Eljamel
GMC No: 3444935

Following up our recent conversation with regard to this doctor within NHS Tayside, who has been suspended within the last two weeks. The suspension follows an external review conducted by the Royal College of Surgeons in England. I have enclosed a copy of the report along with the documentation NHS Tayside submitted to the review team.

You will see they have raised concerns with regard to both probity and ongoing issues with wrong site surgery.

We are in the process of reviewing Professor Eljamel's spinal surgery cases with a view to deciding whether or not there are further wrong level surgeries that have not as yet been identified. There are 150 patients in the cohort that we believe to be at high risk. These are patients with spinal surgery and who are also attending the local pain service. This initial audit will be completed early in the New Year and we will update on the outcome of that as soon as it is available.

We would be keen not to duplicate any investigatory processes and would value your thoughts as to how you would wish proceed.

With best wishes



Dr Andrew Russell
Medical Director

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Dear Dr Empey

Mr Muftah Eljamel
GMC Registration Number: 3444935

We have received the enclosed information about Mr Muftah Eljamel which we are investigating.

I am the investigation officer on this case. If you have any questions about this letter or our investigation then please contact me. My direct contact details are at the end of the letter.

I understand that Mr Eljamel had practising privileges at BMI Fernbrae Hospital until June 2013 when he relinquished his admission rights. An important part of our enquiries is contacting Mr Eljamel's employers and asking for any further information you might have about this complaint or any other concerns. I have informed Mr Eljamel that I will be contacting you.

What we need to know

Please could you reply to this letter by **10 March 2014** with the following information about Mr Eljamel:

- any other information you have about this complaint, including a copy of any investigation documents you may have
- details of any previous complaints or concerns
- any findings from quality assurance measures that raise concerns
- any data (e.g. prescribing patterns) which might indicate poor practice
- details of any remedial action or retraining that Mr Eljamel has undertaken, either in response to these specific allegations or any further concerns about his practice
- any other information that you think could be relevant to our investigation

Mr Eljamel's registration status

The case examiner has decided that Mr Eljamel should be invited to appear before the Interim Orders Panel (IOP) of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (MPTS). The IOP hearing will be on **26 February 2014**. The MPTS will notify you of the outcome of the hearing.

The IOP will decide whether it is necessary to restrict Mr Eljamel's registration while our investigation is ongoing. If it makes an order, the IOP can suspend or put Conditions on his registration.

IOP hearings are held in private. Matters before the IOP remain confidential until after the hearing has taken place and remain confidential if no order has been imposed. However, if the IOP decides to make an order then the decision will be published for six weeks on the MPTS website and on the doctor's individual record within the List of Registered Medical Practitioners (LRMP) on the GMC website. The decision will remain on LRMP indefinitely, except where a case is closed with no finding of impairment and no Warning.

Next steps

I will let you know if we receive any further information of concern about Mr Eljamel while he is under investigation. I will also let you know the outcome of our enquiries and the reasons for our decision in due course. If you would like an update at any point then please contact me.

I enclose a copy of a fact sheet which explains our Fitness to Practise procedures in more detail.

I look forward to hearing from you by 10 March 2014. If you have any questions about the information I have requested or if you will need more time to gather it, please contact me.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation which will help us conclude our enquiries as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr Jonathan Hall
Investigation Officer
Fitness to Practise Directorate

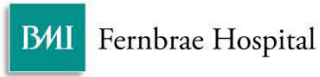
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28 February 2014

Dear Mr Hall

Professor Muftah Eljamel
GMC Registration Number: 3444935

Thank you for letter regarding Professor Eljamel which was forwarded to me by Dr Empey's office.

I can confirm that we have no information regarding the complaints in question as these occurred within Professor Eljamel's NHS practice and not at our hospital. I can also confirm that we have had no patient complaints regarding Professor Eljamel, no untoward clinical incidents and that no concerns about his practice within the hospital have been raised by any other route.

I trust this information will be helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Yours sincerely

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Louise Buchan
Executive Director

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Professor Sam Eljamel, MBBCh, MD, FRCSIr, FRCSEd, FRCS(NS), ACS/ALB

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Date: Dec 10th 2013

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Dear Louise:

Further to my previous discussion, I would like to inform you that NHS Tayside had suspended me from practice effective from Dec 10th 2013 at 14.45 hrs.

I am sorry it had gone that far and I will keep you posted if I hear anything else.

I really have enjoyed my time in BMI-Fernbrae, but considering current circumstances, I would not be coming back.

Yours sincerely:

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13 August 2015

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Ms Louise Buchan
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BMI Fernbrae Hospital

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Dear Ms Buchan

Mr Eljamel

During our investigation into Dr Eljamel he applied for voluntary erasure form the Register.

The case examiners have considered Mr Eljamel's application. They have decided to grant the doctor's application and his name will now be removed from the Medical Register ('the Register'). Mr Eljamel's licence to practise will be withdrawn and he/she will not be able to practise in the UK.

What if the doctor wants to return to the Register?

If Mr Eljamel applies for restoration to the Register, the application will be referred back to the case examiners for consideration. We would take into account any previous evidence about Mr Eljamel's fitness to practise and may open another investigation before any decision is made.

The decision to grant Mr Eljamel's voluntary erasure also marks the conclusion of our enquiries.

Thank you for your help with our investigation.

Yours sincerely

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