

Reprimand with Consent Order

Registrant: MARY MIXON

Registration Category: Secondary computing and science (chemistry and biology)

Date: 23 June 2015

Background

A complaint has been received by the General Teaching Council for Scotland ("GTC Scotland") that alleges that the Registrant's fitness to teach is impaired. GTC Scotland's Investigating Panel has considered this complaint and decided that there is a case to answer. It made this decision because it considered that there was a body of evidence available to suggest that there was a realistic prospect that a Fitness to Teach Panel would establish that the Registrant's fitness to teach is impaired. The Investigating Panel had particular regard to section 1.3, 1.4, 1.6 and 2.3 of GTC Scotland's Code of Professionalism and Conduct in reaching this decision.

The Investigating Panel further decided that in the circumstances it was appropriate to issue the Registrant with this Reprimand Consent Order. The Investigating Panel made this decision as it considered that were the case to be heard by a Fitness to teach Panel at a hearing, there is a realistic prospect that the outcome of that hearing would be a reprimand in the terms proposed by this Order. The Investigating Panel also considered that were the Reprimand Consent Order to be agreed and a reprimand imposed, it was unnecessary for the evidence in the case to be tested or investigated further. In making its decision, the Investigating Panel was mindful of the best regulatory practice principle of proportionality as well as the public interest. The Investigating Panel formed its view for the following more detailed reasons:

- The Respondent has admitted the facts at issue;
- No harm was caused to a pupil or child;
- The incident took place out with school and there was no abuse of a position of trust;
- The Respondent has shown remorse for her actions;
- There appears to have been no repetition of the matter at issue, it was an isolated incident and there are mitigating circumstances which suggest that the likelihood of a repetition is unlikely;

Declaration

By signing below, I, the Registrant, declare that:-

1. I waive my right to a full hearing and admit in full the allegation made against me relating to my fitness to teach that is set out below:
 - i) **On 16 September 2014 you were convicted of a breach of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 Section 38(1) (threatening or abusive behaviour) and you were fined £280**

2. I admit that the above means that my fitness to teach is impaired.
3. I freely and willingly consent to a reprimand being imposed upon me in view of my admission of the allegation set out above. I understand that this reprimand will be recorded against my entry in GTC Scotland's Register of teachers for an aggregated period **of one year from the date of signing by the Registrant.**
4. I have had the opportunity to seek advice from a professional association and from an independent legal representative on the content of this Order and fully understand the importance of so doing.
5. I understand that the content of this Order will be made available to the public.