

Witness Name: Vibha Sharma
Dated: 24.09.21

BROOK HOUSE INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF VIBHA SHARMA

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 21 September 2021.

I, Vibha Sharma, of the General Medical Council, Regent's Place, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3JN, will say as follows: -

Introduction

1. My full name is Vibha Sharma and my date of birth is **DPA**
2. Since January 2021 I have held the role of Head of Regulation Policy – Policy, Inquiries and Reviews (Interim). My responsibilities include overseeing the GMC's engagement with public reviews and inquiries.
3. Where I have relied on other sources of information for this statement, I have stated those sources.

Request for documents

4. On 10 June 2021 the GMC received a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006. The documents requested were as follows:
 - a. Records of complaints made or concerns raised to the GMC regarding the following registrants in respect of their work at Brook House between 1 April 2016 and 1 April 2018 including any material provided to the GMC:
 - (i) Dr Husein Oozeerally (aka Oozerally)
 - (ii) Dr Belda
 - (iii) Dr Saeed Chaudhary
 - b. Details of any self-referral by the registrants referred to above in respect of their work at Brook House during the same period, including any material provided.
 - c. Copies of any correspondence with any of the registrants referred to above (or their representatives) in relation to any complaints or concerns raised, set out at (a) and (b) above.

- d. Records of decisions made by investigation committees or Case Examiners in relation to any complaints or concerns raised, set out at (a) and (b) above.
- e. Any evidence disclosed to or obtained by the GMC in the course of its investigations into any complaints or concerns raised, set out at (a) and (b) above.
- f. The conclusions of the Medical Practitioners' Tribunal and/or Interim Orders Tribunal in relation to complaints or concerns raised, set out at (a) and (b) above, including details of any Orders made (interim or final) with reasons

System searches

- 5. In response to this request system searches were carried out in order to ascertain whether the GMC held any of the requested information.
- 6. The GMC operates a case management software system called Siebel which stores correspondence in relation to a doctor's registration including any documentation received in regards to an investigation into a doctor's fitness to practise.
- 7. I did not have any direct involvement in the searches and this is not something that is within my knowledge or expertise. However, colleagues within the GMC's Information Policy Team have confirmed the following to me.
- 8. We have undertaken a thorough search of Siebel to seek to identify any documents which fall within the scope of the request set out at 3(a)-(f) above.
- 9. Having conducted searches within Siebel we were unable to locate any documents which fell within the scope of the request. I confirmed this to the Inquiry in writing on 25 June 2021.
- 10. If any additional searches are required, we will of course liaise with the Inquiry.

The contents of this Statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed

Signature

Dated

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