

HEARING AID COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
Meeting of the
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Held at:
The Hearing Aid Council
70 St Mary Axe
London EC3A 8BD

On
Thursday, 27 November 2008

PRESENT:
MR HUW VAUGHAN THOMAS
(Chair)

Panel Members:
MR MIKE BISHOP
MR TONY CORCORAN

Legal Assessor:
MRS SIOBHAN GOODRICH

MR HYWEL JENKINS appeared on behalf of the Hearing Aid Council

In the matter of:
MR A HOLDER

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1 THE CHAIR: Mr Holder is charged with breaches of Clause 9(a) in failing to conduct
2 adequate audiometry, and separately with a breach of Clause 9(b) of the code, with
3 regard to failing to record sufficient details to identify the individual audiometer
4 used. Mr Holder accepts the charge, but in his plea of mitigation states that this
5 took place some time ago, and he is unable to recall the events surrounding the
6 audiogram concerned. Having taken account of the evidence presented to it the
7 panel concludes that the charges are proved. It awards a fine of £500 in respect of
8 breach of Clause 9(a), and £250 in respect of breach of Clause 9(b). As regards
9 costs, the panel did not have before it a statement of means supplied by Mr Holder,
10 but took into account that Mr Holder had recently retired from practice. They also
11 took account of the schedule supplied by the HAC, and awards costs of £2,000 to
12 be paid 28 days from now, or prior to then by agreement of a schedule of payment
13 over 12 months.