

1 HEARING AID COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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3 **Meeting of the**

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5 **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

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7 Held at:  
8 70 St Mary Axe  
9 London EC3A 8BD

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11 On

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13 Monday, 9 February 2009  
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17 **PRESENT:**

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19 **MR CHRISTOPHER HUGHES OBE**  
20 **(THE CHAIR)**

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22 Panel Members:  
23 **MR HUW VAUGHAN THOMAS**  
24 **MR MICHAEL BISHOP**  
25 **MR PETER OMEROD**  
26 **MR TONY CORCORAN**

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28 Legal Assessor:  
29 **MRS SIOBHAN GOODRICH**  
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33 **MR HYWEL JENKINS** appeared on behalf of the Hearing Aid Council.  
34 **MR GRAHAM HILL** assisted the counsel for the Hearing Aid Council.

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36 **MR LEONARD WARNE** represented himself.  
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40 **In the matter of:**

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42 **MR LEONARD WARNE**

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2 THE CHAIR: In July 2007, Mr Warne, a registered hearing aid dispenser, undertook  
3 audiometry on a patient that was inefficient in that he failed to carry out  
4 audiometry with masking. The outcome of that was significantly deficient and the  
5 patient was prescribed and dispensed aids which were not appropriate. Since then  
6 however the response has been considerably better. The patient has been fully  
7 reimbursed and Mr Warne has recognised the deficiencies in his clinical practice  
8 and received retraining from his employer. Mr Warne has been on the register for  
9 some 16 or 17 years. And there are no indications that there are any other matters  
10 of concern. He has promptly and appropriately responded to the situation and the  
11 Committee is satisfied that a financial sanction of £500 is, despite the significant  
12 shortcomings in the audiometry on this occasion, an appropriate sanction.

13 The Committee also awards costs in favour of Hearing Aid Council in the sum of £800.

14 This leaves a sum of £1300 duly payable to the Council. We direct that this sum  
15 be payable within 28 days but in the event that this presents Mr Warne with any  
16 significant financial embarrassment he should apply to the Registrar of the Council  
17 and come to an arrangement for a more protracted period of time.