

GENERAL OSTEOPATHIC COUNCIL

DECISION OF THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE

In the case of:

IAIN CHAPMAN

Registration Number: 3278

7 July 2026

The Panel:

Sue Ware (Chair)

Manjit Darby (Lay Member)

Tamsyn Webb (Osteopath Member)

Tim Grey (Legal Assessor)

This case has been considered by the Professional Conduct Committee without a hearing, under the procedure set out in Rule 8 of the General Osteopathic Council (Professional Conduct Committee)(Procedure) Rules 2000.

ALLEGATION:

The allegation is that the Registrant, has been guilty of unacceptable professional conduct, contrary to section 20(1)(a) of the Osteopaths Act 1993, in that:

- (i) That GOsC received concerns about my use and/or possession of cannabis from Persons A, B, C and D.
- (ii) On multiple occasions directly prior to Person's A use of the treatment room, as discovered by Person A, I had :-
 - (a) Left cannabis on the plinth and/or the desk in the treatment room.
 - (b) Left cannabis crumbs on the plinth and/or the desk in the treatment room.
 - (c) Caused a smell of cannabis to be present in the treatment room.
- (iii) On or around the 15th February 2025, as discovered by Person B, I had:-
 - (a) Left cannabis on the desk in the treatment room.
 - (b) Left cannabis on the floor in the treatment room.
 - (c) Left cannabis beside the computer in the treatment room.
 - (d) Caused a small of cannabis to be present in the treatment room.
- (iv) On or around the 10th February 2025, I had left cannabis on the floor

in the treatment room, as discovered by Person C.

(v) On or around the 18th February 2025, I admitted to Person C that I had cannabis in my possession whilst in the clinic.

(vi) Around 3 years ago I :-

(a) Caused a small of cannabis to be present in or around the treatment room area that I was working in, as discovered by Person D.

(b) Subsequently admitted to possessing cannabis in the treatment room.

DECISION:

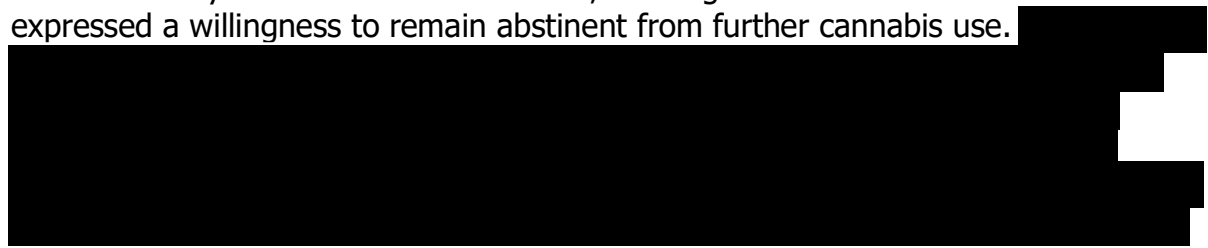
The Registrant has admitted both the allegation and the facts in support of the allegation. Accordingly, the allegation is found proved. The Registrant accepts that he is guilty of unacceptable professional conduct which has a material relevance to his fitness to practise osteopathy.

SANCTION:

Having regard to the Professional Conduct Committee's published Hearings and Sanctions Guidance; the Registrant's admissions set out in the Rule 8 Statement, his witness statement and exhibits, the Committee is satisfied that a sanction of admonishment is appropriate in this case.

The Committee's reasons for imposing an admonishment are as follows. The Registrant has admitted the allegation and has shown insight. He has reflected on the complaint and expressed regret for his failings. There is no allegation before the Committee that the registrant caused harm to a patient or patients or that a patient was put at direct risk of harm. The Registrant has made strenuous efforts to rehabilitate and remain abstinent from cannabis use. There is no evidence before the Committee that he poses any risk to patients or the public. To the contrary, there was a positive assertion that the Registrant does not pose a risk to the public, in the form of expert psychiatric evidence.

The Registrant was the co-owner of Walthamstow Osteopath & Natural Health Centre (the Clinic). On diverse dates the Registrant had been in possession of cannabis whilst at work, although there was no evidence of him consuming cannabis during working hours, whether prior to, or during treatment of patients. To the contrary he asserted and it was accepted that he confined his consumption of cannabis to periods at the end of the day after the Clinic had closed. Following intervention by his co-owner at the Clinic, the Registrant admitted his conduct and expressed a willingness to remain abstinent from further cannabis use.



[REDACTED] has had no long-lasting impact upon his fitness to practise as an osteopath. The Registrant accepted his culpability in possessing cannabis on professional premises and has shown conspicuous efforts to remediate by remaining abstinent from further drug use since February 2025.

Accordingly the Committee was satisfied that, exceptionally in a case of this sort, the case was appropriate for disposal under the Rule 8 procedure and ordered that the registrant be admonished.

Section 22(13) of the Osteopaths Act 1993 requires this Committee to publish a report that sets out the names of those osteopaths who have had allegations found against them. The Registrant's name will be included in this report together with details of the allegations we have found proved and the sanction that that we have applied today.