

Dr Ronan Perry (Registration Numbers 5398 and 20DS05)

Dr Ronan Perry formerly of Pearls Dental Castleknock, Maynooth, Smithfield and Dental House, Aungier Street was found guilty of professional misconduct at an inquiry into his fitness to practise dentistry held on 31 July 2025.

The allegations were as follows:

1. *On one or more unspecified dates between in or around May 2020 and on or around 18 January 2024, allowed and/or permitted one or more staff in one or more of the Practices to:*
 - a. *provide orthodontic treatment to one or more patients, while they were not appropriately registered with the Dental Council:*
 - b. *provide orthodontic therapy treatment to one or more patients in the absence of the supervision of a registered orthodontist:*
 - c. *provide orthodontic therapy treatment to one or more patients, while not a qualified orthodontic therapist:*
 - d. *engage in orthodontic treatment planning and/or take dental x-rays, while not appropriately qualified and/or registered to do so:*
2. *On one or more unspecified dates between in or around May 2020 and on or around 18 January 2024, failed to manage and/or supervise the Practices in an appropriate manner by taking on more orthodontic patients than you and/or the Practices had capacity for and/or*
3. *On or around 24 March 2015, emailed the following to Dr [REDACTED], in circumstances where Dr [REDACTED] had sought guidance regarding professional indemnity insurance before commencing practice in Ireland:*

Professional indemnity insurance is not a legal requirement in Ireland.

Would you consider working without in the beginning? Most problems can be fixed without legal action so I think the risk of legal action is low.; and/or

4. *Encouraged and/or allowed Dr [REDACTED] to practice in one or more of the Practices in the absence of professional indemnity insurance when you knew or ought to have known that this was contrary to the Code of Practice relating to Professional Behaviour and Ethical Conduct; and/or*

Dr Perry admitted the facts of the allegations to the Fitness to Practise Committee and that the allegations amounted to professional misconduct. The Fitness to Practice Committee was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that these allegations were proven against Dr Perry and that he was guilty of professional misconduct in this respect.

The Dental Council was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the allegations were proven against Dr Perry and that he is guilty of professional misconduct. At its meeting on 28 August 2025, the Dental Council decided to attach conditions to the retention of his name on the register of Dentists and Orthodontists.

By way of Order of the President of the High Court perfected on 25 November 2025, pursuant to section 40 of the Dentists Act, 1985 as amended, Dr Perry has had conditions attached to his name on the Register of Dentists and Orthodontists.

Dr Perry was also censured by the Dental Council in respect of his conduct.

The conditions attached to Dr Perry's registration are as follows:

A. Dr Perry will undertake not to own or be primarily responsible for the management of any dental practises going forward, without receiving prior permission from the Dental Council.

B. Dr Perry will not employ or otherwise be responsible for the training or supervision of any Orthodontic Therapists (including trainee Orthodontic Therapists) going forward, without receiving prior permission from the Dental Council.

C. Dr Perry will ensure that all dental nurses and chair-side assistants that assist him in treating patients going forward will only operate within their relevant scope(s) of practice.

D. Dr Perry will take over responsibility for treating all "new" patients taken on by ██████████ to date in the Pearls Clinics in Castleknock, Maynooth and/or Smithfield, to ensure these patients are provided with continuity of care.

E. Dr Perry will continue to engage with the Practitioner Health programme and will comply with all guidance issued by that programme. The Practitioner Health programme will notify the Dental Council immediately in the event of any concerns regarding his fitness to practice. This condition is to be reviewed by the Dental Council after a period of 5 years from date of imposition.

F. Dr Perry will inform any employer/agency with whom he works of these conditions.

G. Dr Perry will ensure that appropriate arrangements are made for the continuing care of the patients of his practices in the transfer or sale of his practice(s).

H. Dr Perry is to read the following publications of the Workplace Relations Commission:

a. Employment Law Explained

b. Guide to Employment, Labour and Equality Law

1. Dr Perry may apply to the Dental Council for a review of these conditions after a period of 5 years from the date of their imposition.

24 November 2025