

EMAIL CHAIN 1

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 02 June 2022 11:48
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Subject: professional advice please

Dear [Redacted],

It's been some time since we were last in touch and I was grateful that you and your colleagues were able to give me some information in relation to Professor Sam El-jamel, and confirm that he held temporary registration with IMC between 1991-1995. However we have again been contacted by Mr Kelly, who was a patient of El-jamel and has since suffered from the results of surgery performed on him. I gather that Mr Kelly has been in touch with IMC in relation to the fact that El-jamel also worked as a House Officer at Richmond Hospital, Dublin, from 1985-1986, and during that time did not hold registration with IMC.

Would you be able to confirm that El-jamel was not registered with IMC between 1985-86, and that in fact he should have been required to do so? Or were there any alternative arrangements in place by employers that would have negated the requirement to do so? If he was in fact not registered, what would be the effect of that on the time he spent as a house officer? Appreciate these are all questions set against the backdrop of some years ago but it may be of crucial importance.

If it's easier to chat please do call me on the mobile number below?

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Sent: 11 November 2021 17:22
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: El-jamel

Dear [Redacted],

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applied for specialist registration but I have asked the Registration Department to see if they can provide any further information.

I hope this information is of some assistance . When I know more I'll be in further contact.

Best regards,

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday 11 November 2021 17:12

To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>

Subject: RE: El-jamel

Importance: High

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 29 October 2021 14:00

To: [Redacted]@mcirl.ie <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>

Subject: El-jamel

Importance: High

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 19 November 2021 13:38
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Subject: RE: El-jamel

[Redacted] – much appreciated and I really do understand that everyone is under such pressure so thanks for any further information you or colleagues might be able to give!

Have a good weekend when it comes,

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EMAIL CHAIN 3

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 27 September 2021 16:41
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Subject: RE: El-Jamel concern

You're a star thanks [Redacted].

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Sent: 27 September 2021 16:38
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: El-Jamel concern

Thanks [Redacted],
I'll make enquiries with colleagues in the Registration and Education & Training
Departments .
Thanks [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday 27 September 2021 16:04
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Subject: FW: El-Jamel concern

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gmc-uk.org>
Sent: 23 September 2021 14:53
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: El-Jamel concern

Hi [Redacted]

Further to your email below with your queries regarding Dr Eljamel and the granting of CCST's, I've spoken with my colleagues in our Registration Department and they have advised the following -

In June 2019 we were made aware that Dr Eljamel was being investigated by Police Scotland, who were seeking assurance that his primary medical qualification (PMQ) was genuine. In July 2019, we were able to confirm to them that Dr Eljamel's PMQ from Libya was genuine. We were not asked to look into his specialist credentials at that stage.

Dr Eljamel obtained full registration on 20 February 1990 and specialist registration in neurosurgery on 12 January 1996. At that time, doctors could apply to have their specialist training recognised on the medical register by submitting a Certificate of Accreditation to the GMC. Certificates of Accreditation were issued by the Royal Colleges to confirm completion of specialist training. We have access to Dr Eljamel's archive file, which shows that the Joint Committee on Higher Surgical Training confirmed on 1 November 1993 that Dr Eljamel had satisfactorily completed his higher surgical training. This wasn't sufficient on its own to award him specialist registration but on 20 October 1994 we received a letter from the Irish Surgical Postgraduate Training Committee which confirmed that he had completed his training in neurosurgery. It appears to have been this letter that led to him being entered onto the specialist register.

In terms of whether Dr Eljamel's specialist qualification was obtained fraudulently, we can contact the organisation which is currently responsible for surgical training in the UK, the Joint Committee on Surgical Training (JCST), to see if they can assist in confirming that he completed training in neurosurgery in 1993. However, given that you have advised that you will follow up with colleagues at the Irish Medical Council in relation to Dr Eljamel's registration/training - it would be helpful to know if you have had a response from them before we start those enquiries at our end – this is just in case the IMC have already been able to confirm with the Irish Surgical Postgraduate Training Committee that Dr Eljamel's training is all genuine.

I hope that this is helpful in the first instance but please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 15 September 2021 13:55
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gmc-uk.org>
Subject: FW: El-Jamel concern

[Redacted] – just some further detail which might be helpful in illuminating where this might involve the GMC.

The patient says he has received information from organisations in Ireland that suggest that Prof Eljamel has never been registered with the Medical Council of Ireland and that he has concerns that Prof Eljamel may have relied upon submission of information relating to the completion of FRCS in Ireland as the basis for his CCST being awarded in 1993.

Would you be able to provide any background documents or briefing that outline the ways in which historically (I think through PMETB) that Fellowship qualifications informed granting of relevant CCSTs – including any processes that would be in place to ascertain the validity of any Fellowship).

Hopefully this makes sense but please do call me if you'd like to discuss? In the meantime I'll follow up with colleagues in Ireland.

Many thanks,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 15 September 2021 13:50
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gmc-uk.org>
Subject: El-Jamel concern

[Redacted],

A patient formerly treated by Mr El-Jamel has raised concerns that the award of a Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training to him may have relied upon qualifications being awarded that had not been completed; this complaint is raised with particular reference to his registration with the Irish Medical Council. I will certainly follow up with colleagues there (thank you for the contact details) but as we discussed it might be helpful to understand, from the perspective of the GMC whether this complaint has any bearing in his registration with the GMC or practice in general.

Any further information you are able to share would be very helpful in responding to this patient.

Many thanks.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 September 2021 13:34
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Cc: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Subject: RE: Medical Practitioner; El-Jamel

Many thanks [Redacted] .

[Redacted] I'll look forward to conversing with you in due course.

Enjoy your weekend,

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Sent: 17 September 2021 13:28
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Subject: RE: Medical Practitioner; El-Jamel

Dear [Redacted]

I am forwarding your email to our Director of Regulation, who I have cc on this email, as this is outside of my remit.

[Redacted] would be more than happy to talk to you.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted] , [Redacted]
Director, Professional Competence, Research & Ethics
[Redacted] (mobile)

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From: [Redacted] @gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday 17 September 2021 12:37
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Subject: Medical Practitioner; El-Jamel

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Dear [Redacted],

[Redacted] at the Scottish GMC office gave me your contact details and I hope you don't mind me writing to you? I am the professional adviser at Scottish Government for all healthcare professional regulatory matters, and I've been asked to assist with the work we are undertaking on the impact for patients treated by Muftah Salem (Sam) Eljamel. We have ongoing dialogue with several people who were harmed as a result of treatment at his hands, and one of these has asked us to look further at his qualifications and subsequent registration with the GMC. He was active in the UK from the early 1990s onwards, and although the intel we have is that he was never registered to work in Ireland, that he may have undertaken study in Ireland (possibly FRCS?) which was then used as evidence to support his registration with the GMC.

Colleagues at the GMC are supporting us with a review of the process leading to his registration. Would you be willing to help us unravel this further by providing any details that you might have at your disposal? I appreciate this is all from a very long time ago and I apologise for causing you any extra work, but any help you might be able to offer us would be very much appreciated. If it might help to chat through, I can be reached on the mobile number below at your convenience.

Kind regards,

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Sent: 27 September 2021 15:50
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Subject: RE: Medical Practitioner; El-Jamel

LOL let's hope so!

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Sent: 27 September 2021 15:50
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Medical Practitioner; El-Jamel

I'm about to send you a zoom invite - hope that works!

Get Outlook for iOS

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:40:51 PM
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Subject: RE: Medical Practitioner; El-Jamel

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[Redacted] thanks but I get a message saying your phone s unavailable. Could you try calling me?

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Thanks [Redacted]
I'm on [Redacted]
Pre fix [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:35:07 PM
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Subject: RE: Medical Practitioner; El-Jamel

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Hi [Redacted] do you have a phone number I can use? The teams invite is not allowing me to join!

Or I can be reached on the mobile number below?

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@mcirl.ie>
Sent: 23 September 2021 17:47
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I've sent a teams invite.
[Redacted]

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Will look forward to speaking with you then,

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Sent: 23 September 2021 13:10
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Thanks [Redacted]
Would Monday afternoon suit – say 3 ?
[Redacted]

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Hi [Redacted] ,

Would you be able to spare some time to discuss this with me please? I'm being asked to respond as soon as possible. Apologies for adding to your workload!

Kind regards,

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