

Farriers Registration Council



Established under the
Farriers (Registration) Act 1975

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"That, being registered under the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 (as amended) ('the Act'), you:

1. Between September 2017 and June 2018, offered CL an apprenticeship and/or took on CL as an apprentice under an arrangement whereby CL would be responsible for payment for his own college fees;
2. Between 1 May 2018 and 30 June 2018 asked for and/or accepted £4,850 from or on behalf of CL in relation to payment of CL's college fees;
3. Having received, on or around 1 June 2018, £4,850 in relation to payment of college fees for CL, between 1 June 2018 and 22 April 2020 (a) paid only £890 towards CL's college fees and/or (b) failed to pay the amount you were contractually obliged to pay in college fees for CL, leaving £322.50 owing to the relevant college as at 22 April 2020;
4. Between 1 January 2019, after CL had left his apprenticeship with you, and 25 June 2019, failed to return £4,850 or any part of it to CL and/or his father despite requests for the same;
5. Between February 2018 and December 2018, failed to:
 - (a) have in place a written contract with your apprentice, CL;
 - (b) provide any or any adequate Personal Protective Equipment to CL;
6. (a) Your conduct in relation to 1 and/or, 2 and/or 3 and/or 4 above was dishonest;
(b) Your conduct in relation to 1 and/or, 2 and/or 3 and/or 4 and/or 5 was unprofessional and/or lacked integrity;
(c) Your conduct in relation to 1 and/or 2 and/or 5(a) above was in breach of the Education and Skills Funding Agency Rules;
(d) Your conduct in relation to 5(b) above was in breach of the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992;
(e) You knew or ought to have known that your conduct in relation to 1 and/or 2 and/or 5(a) above was in breach of the Education and Skills Funding Agency Rules (or rules to the same effect);

(f) You knew or ought to have known that your conduct in relation to 5(b) above was in breach of the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 (or rules and/or regulations to the same effect);

And in relation to the facts alleged above, whether individually or in any combination, you are guilty of serious misconduct in a professional respect.”

The above charge is brought under section 15(1)(a) of the Act.

Notice is further given to you that on Tuesday 15 June, and continuing if necessary on Wednesday 16 June and Thursday 17 June, commencing at 09:30am on each day, a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee of the Council will be held by way of a remote/virtual hearing via video-link, to consider the above mentioned charge against you and to determine whether or not it should direct the Registrar to remove (by suspension or permanently) your name from the Register pursuant to section 15 of the Act.