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STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL – LEGAL CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr Sloss

Farriers Registration Council

Notice of Inquiry – Meeting of the Disciplinary Committee to be held on 20th March 2026 (to be conducted virtually)

Notice is hereby given to you that in consequence of information received by the Farriers Registration Council (“the Council”), an Inquiry is to be held into the following charge, on which evidence will be placed before the Disciplinary Committee at the meeting referred to below.

“That, being registered under the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 (as amended) (“the Act”) and in respect that on 1 November 2024 you were convicted at Glasgow High Court of 10 separate sexual offences, all as set out in Schedule A to this notice, for which you were sentenced to 13 years imprisonment and requirement to register under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act for an indefinite period was imposed.

And in relation to the facts alleged you are guilty of serious misconduct in a professional respect.”.

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

You are hereby invited to send to this firm an answer in writing to the above-mentioned charge, stating whether you admit or deny it and also specifying which, if any, of the facts set out above you admit. Any answer, admission or other statement or communication which you desire to make with respect to the said charges should be addressed to:

Ms Catriona Watt, Partner, Anderson Strathern LLP, 58 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BP or by email to catriona.watt@andersonstrathern.co.uk

Notice is further given to you that on **Friday 20th March 2026 at 10am**, a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee of the Council will be held virtually by video conference facility as will be arranged by the **Farriers Registration Council** 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 Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 (as amended).

You are invited to appear before the Committee by video conference on the date and time specified above to answer the charge.

Given your present incarceration at HMP Barlinnie in Glasgow, you may require to liaise with the prison authorities to identify the way in which arrangements can be made for you to join the Disciplinary Committee meeting by video conference. If you do intend to appear at the Disciplinary Committee, please discuss the options for doing so with the prison authorities and then advise me in writing in order that we can deal with the prison authorities on any arrangements which are required.

As referred to above, you may wish to seek legal advice in respect of the referral and the hearing.

If you do have or do instruct legal representation, please let us know the identity of your solicitor/representative or ask them to contact me directly.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catriona Watt', written in a cursive style.

Catriona Watt

Partner

Anderson Strathern LLP

Schedule A to Notice of Inquiry

SCHEDULE A

1. on an occasion between 18 June 1989 and 17 June 1990, at [REDACTED], Dunbeg, you MALCOLM SLOSS did assault [Redacted], c/o Police Service of Scotland, Albany Street, Oban, and did attempt to kiss and put your arms around her, penetrate her vagina with your penis and you did thus rape her;
2. on an occasion between 17 June 1991 and 17 June 1992, at [REDACTED], Barcaldine, Oban you MALCOLM SLOSS did assault [Redacted] c/o Police Service of Scotland, Albany Street, Oban, and did penetrate her vagina with your penis and you did thus rape her;
3. on 9 November 1988 in a motor vehicle then parked at [REDACTED] Recycling Centre, Soroba Road, Oban you MALCOLM SLOSS did assault [Redacted], c/o Police Service of Scotland, Stirling Road, Dumbarton and did pull down her lower clothing, lie on top of her and penetrate her vagina with your penis and you did thus rape her;
4. on various occasions between 1 June 2010 and 9 August 2010, both dates inclusive, at Dalavich Forestry grazing area 1 near [REDACTED] Village Shop, 39 Dalavich, Taynuilt, Oban and elsewhere you MALCOLM SLOSS did use lewd, indecent and libidinous practices and behaviour towards [Redacted], born [Redacted], c/o Police Service of Scotland, Stirling Road, Dumbarton, a girl then of or over the age of 12 years and under the age of 16 years, and make sexual remarks in her presence: CONTRARY to the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995, Section 6;
5. on an occasion between 10 August 2010 and 30 November 2010, in a motor vehicle then parked on Forestry Track Road between Loch Avich and Inverinnan, both Argyll, Oban you MALCOLM SLOSS did assault [Redacted], born [Redacted], c/o Police Service of Scotland, Stirling Road, Dumbarton, and did pull down her lower clothing, pull down your lower clothing, penetrate her vagina with your penis and you did thus rape her;
6. on an occasion between 11 August 2010 and 31 August 2010, both dates inclusive, being an occasion other than that libelled in [5] within a motor vehicle then parked on forestry track between Dalavich Village and Ford Village, both Argyll, you MALCOLM SLOSS did assault [Redacted], born [Redacted], c/o Police Service of Scotland, Stirling Road, Dumbarton and did pull down her lower clothing, lie on top of her, penetrate her vagina with your penis and you did thus rape her;

7. on an occasion between 25 August 2010 and 30 November 2010, both dates inclusive, while travelling in a motor vehicle on a journey en route from Oban, Scotland to Manchester, England, the exact whereabouts meantime to the Prosecutor unknown, you MALCOLM SLOSS did indecently assault [Redacted], born [Redacted], c/o Police Service of Scotland, Stirling Road, Dumbarton and did undo your trousers, expose your penis, pull her by the hair, cause her to masturbate you and penetrate her mouth with your penis;

8. on an occasion between 25 August 2010 and 30 November 2010, both dates inclusive, while travelling in a motor vehicle on a journey en route from Manchester, England to Oban, Scotland, the exact whereabouts meantime to the Prosecutor unknown, you MALCOLM SLOSS did assault [Redacted], born [Redacted], c/o Police Service of Scotland, Stirling Road, Dumbarton and did pull down her lower clothing, penetrate her vagina with your penis and you did thus rape her;

9. on various occasions between 1 July 2020 and 4 August 2021, both dates inclusive, at [Redacted] Glencruitten Back Road, Glencruitten and [Redacted], Soroba, both Oban, during a car journey between Ganavan and Oban and elsewhere you MALCOLM SLOSS did intentionally and for the purposes of obtaining sexual gratification or of humiliating, distressing or alarming [Redacted], born [Redacted], c/o Police Service of Scotland, Stirling Road, Dumbarton, a child who had not attained the age of 13 years, direct a sexual verbal communication at her in that you did utter sexual remarks to her and request to see her breasts: CONTRARY to Section 24(1) of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009;

10. on various occasions between 5 August 2021 and 31 October 2021, both dates inclusive, at a layby on the A819 between Inverary and Dalmally, Argyll and at [Redacted] Glencruitten Back Road, Glencruitten, Oban, Argyll you MALCOLM SLOSS did sexually assault [Redacted], born [Redacted], c/o Police Service of Scotland, Stirling Road, Dumbarton in that you did touch her buttocks and touch her vagina over her clothing: CONTRARY to Section 3 of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009;