

Examples of the types of case where failure to meet standards may lead to action on registration

	A doctor's performance has harmed patients or put patients at risk of harm	A doctor has shown a deliberate or reckless disregard of clinical responsibilities towards patients.	A doctor has abused a patient's trust or violated a patient's autonomy or other fundamental rights	A doctor has behaved dishonestly, fraudulently or in a way designed to mislead or harm others	A doctor's behaviour was such that public confidence in the profession might be undermined.	A doctor's health has harmed patients or put patients at risk of harm	A doctor's knowledge of the English language has harmed patients or put patients at risk of harm
Knowledge, skills and performance GMP, paragraphs 7-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to keep up to date (<i>paras 8-13</i>) • Repeated clinical mistakes (<i>paras 14-16</i>) • Poor diagnostic skills (<i>paras 7-16</i>) • Prescribing inappropriate drugs or inappropriate dosages (<i>para 16</i>) • Performing tasks for which the doctor has not received training or are beyond skills required (<i>para 14</i>) • Failure to seek or follow advice (<i>paras 15 and 16d</i>) • Poor practice in record keeping or other administrative tasks essential to patient safety (<i>paras 19-21</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing tasks beyond the limits of the doctor's competence, despite advice from managers or colleagues (<i>para 14</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to obtain consent before carrying out an examination or investigation, providing treatment or involving patients/volunteers in teaching or research (<i>para 17</i>) • Failure to respect patient confidentiality (<i>para 20</i>) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to observe the law relating to medical practice (<i>para 12</i>) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not having the necessary knowledge of the English language (<i>Para 14.1</i>)
Safety and quality GMP paragraphs 22-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to take part in audit (<i>para 22</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignoring a foreseeable risk of harm to patients (<i>paras 24 – 30</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to act to protect patients from harm, e.g. not acting when a colleague is a risk to patients (<i>para 25</i>) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to consider the needs and welfare of vulnerable adults, children and young people (<i>para 27</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to seek and follow advice on restricting practice, where a doctor has a serious condition which may affect the doctor's safety in providing care or treatment (<i>para 28</i>) 	
Communication, partnership and teamwork GMP, paragraphs 31-52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent unavailability when on call (<i>para 34</i>) • Persistent failures to listen to, or explain matters to patients (<i>paras 31 -32</i>) • Failure to work effectively with colleagues, e.g. bullying or unfairly discriminating against them (<i>paras 35-38</i>) • Failure to communicate information about patient care (<i>para 44</i>) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuing improper emotional or sexual relationships with patients or someone close to them (<i>para 53</i>) • Refusing or delaying treatment due to doctor's a belief that a patient's actions or lifestyle has contributed to their condition (<i>para 57</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • False or misleading references or appraisals (<i>para 41</i>) • Dishonesty, fraud or deception in research (<i>para 49d</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denying treatment to a patient because their medical condition puts the doctor at risk (<i>para 58</i>) 		
Maintaining trust GMP paragraphs 53-80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to deal with complaints appropriately (<i>para 61</i>) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to respect patient confidentiality (<i>para 50</i>) • Pursuing improper emotional or sexual relationships with patients (<i>para 65</i>) • Any violence or sexual offence in a professional setting (<i>para 65</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dishonesty, fraud or deception, in financial matters (<i>paras 77-80</i>) • Misleading behaviour which could be harmful, e.g. claiming false qualifications (<i>para 66</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convictions for serious matters not connected with medical practice (<i>paras 65 and 75</i>) • Making unjustifiable claims about the outcomes of services/treatments (<i>para 70</i>) • Failing to treat patients and colleagues fairly and without discrimination (<i>paras 48,54,57 and 59</i>) 		