

30 January 2015

NISCC Conduct Decision

Social Worker – Anita Etta McClurg (1123304) – Admonishment

A Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC) Conduct Committee, on 29 and 30 January 2015, decided the case of registered social worker Ms Anita Etta McClurg (1123304).

The Committee considered the following Charge:

That, being registered under the Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (as amended), and while working as a Social Worker for the Youth Justice Agency:	
1.	From in or around 18 August 2009 to in or around 04 August 2011, you submitted mileage expenses claims for attending fourteen appointments at the Futures (NI) Clinic that you did not attend.
2.	From in or around 18 August 2009 to in or around 04 August 2011, you submitted mileage expenses claims for attendance at twenty seven appointments at Futures (NI) Clinic that exceeded the actual distance travelled by a total of 252 miles equating to an overpayment of £125.62.
3.	During the period 2010 – 2012, you submitted mileage expenses claims for approximately 116 journeys that exceeded the actual distance travelled. The total excess mileage overclaimed comes to approximately 1159 miles equating to an overpayment of £579.11.
4.	Your actions as set out in paragraphs 1 to 3 were dishonest.

The Committee found that the registrant had committed misconduct and breached the NISCC’s Code of Practice for Social Care Workers. The Committee found that it was proportionate to impose an Admonishment Order for a period of five years.

In accordance with Schedule 2 Para 4 of the NISCC (Conduct) Rules 2014, the case proceeded under the Health Procedure and was heard in private. No further information about this case will be published by NISCC.