

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS**

**INQUIRY RE:**

**LOUISE HENRY MRCVS**

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**ANNEX A**

**AMENDMENT OF THE CHARGES**

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1. The Charges as originally formulated for this hearing appeared as follows.

“That, being registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons, and whilst in practice at Bennett-Williams Vets, Construction House, Gaerwen Industrial Estate, Anglesey, LL60 6 HR (“the Practice”) you:

1(A) On or around 9 January 2020 wrote and/or signed an undated “To Whom it May Concern” letter with the following text.

*This is to confirm that the ewe Tag number UK 70222400541 belonging to [Mr. XX]...died in transit to the surgery due to dystocia and peri-parturient stress”.*

when in fact you had euthanased the said ewe at the Practice on 8 January 2020.

1(B) Your conduct in relation to 1 (A) above was dishonest.

(2) Between 8 January 2020 and 30 January 2020 failed to make any clinical records in relation to your consultation regarding and/or treatment of the said ewe on 8 January 2020.

And that in relation to the above, whether individually or in combination, you are guilty of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect.”

2. At the outset of the hearing Ms. Curtis applied to amend the Charges by withdrawing Charge 2 and, consequentially, removing the words “whether individually or in combination” from that part of the text relating to disgraceful conduct in a professional respect. Ms. Curtis told the Committee that in view of the Respondent’s anticipated admission of Charge 1, the College had taken the view that Charge 2 added nothing of significance to the case. She also explained that an appropriate clinical note had been made on 31 January 2020 and that the Respondent had been absent from the Practice for a considerable period between 8 January and 30 January 2020.
3. Ms. Sanderson did not object to the amendment.
4. The legal assessor reminded the Committee of its general power, under rule 14 of the Procedure and Evidence Rules 2004 to allow any amendment it considers appropriate in all the circumstances.
5. The Committee accepted Ms. Curtis’ submission. In the Committee’s assessment, Charge 2 did not add anything of significance to the case. The Committee therefore allowed the amendment.