

ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS

INQUIRY RE:

ABBIE LOUISE TOWN RVN

CHARGES

That, being registered in the Register of Veterinary Nurses:

1. On 2 July 2008 at the Huddersfield Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of theft (shoplifting), contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968, more particularly theft on 24 June 2008 of confectionary and beauty products to the value of £16.84 belonging to Asda Stores Ltd., in relation to which offence, on 16 July 2008, at the Huddersfield Magistrates' Court, you were sentenced to a 12 month community order with a 12 month supervision requirement and were ordered to pay costs of £60;
2. On 24 December 2008, you committed the offence of using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour, with intention to cause fear or provocation of violence, contrary to section 4(1)(a) of the Public Order Act 1986, in relation to which offence, on 8 June 2009 at the Bradford Crown Court, you were convicted following a guilty plea, and were given a 12 month conditional discharge;
3. On 15 January 2010, at the Huddersfield Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of theft (shoplifting) contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968, more particularly theft on 23 December 2009 of clothing and accessories to the value £85.12 belonging to Primark, in relation to which offence you were sentenced to a 12

month community order with an unpaid work requirement of 40 hours days, and ordered to pay costs Of £60;

4. On 24 March 2010 at the Calderdale Magistrates' Court you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of breaching the community order imposed on 15 January 2010, more particularly by failing, without reasonable excuse, to attend unpaid work sessions on 23 January 2010 and 28 February 2010, in relation to which offence you were sentenced to 10 further hours of unpaid work to be added to the original community order of January 2010;
5. In the Bradford Crown Court, on 10 January 2011, you were sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, suspended twelve months, in relation to the following, namely:
 - (i) affray, contrary to section 3 of the Public Order Act 1986 (offence date 28 November 2009), with regards to which offence you were convicted on 24 November 2010; and
 - (ii) handling stolen goods, contrary to section 22(1) of the Theft Act 1968 (offence date 19 March 2010), with regards to which offence you were convicted on 7 December 2010;
6. On 17 August 2011, at the Wakefield Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of theft (shoplifting) contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968 (offence date 16 August 2011), in relation to which offence you were sentenced to a community order, with a curfew requirement and electronic tagging; and, with regards to the fact that you had committed an offence during the course of a suspended sentence, you were ordered to continue with a supervision requirement, together with the curfew requirement and electronic tagging imposed above;
7. On 19 January 2012, at the Calderdale Magistrates' Court you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of:
 - (i) theft (shoplifting) contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968, more particularly theft on 3 December 2011 of a sandwich to the value of £2.00 and a bottle of milk to the value of £1.34, both belonging to One Stop Shop; and
 - (ii) committing an offence during the course of a suspended sentence;

in relation to which offences, on 23 February 2012, at the Bradford Crown Court you were sentenced to 28 days' imprisonment;

8. On 16 August 2012, at the Leeds District Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of failing to surrender to custody, more particularly in that you failed without reasonable excuse to surrender to custody at Leeds Magistrates' Court, having been released on bail on 29 July 2012 at a West Yorkshire Police station, in relation to which offence you were fined £70 and directed to pay a victim surcharge of £15;
9. On 23 August 2012, at the Leeds District Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of theft (shoplifting) contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968, more particularly theft on 8 August 2012 of clothing to the value of £65.00 belonging to JD Sports, in relation to which offence you were fined £70 and directed to pay a victim surcharge of £15 and £85 in costs;
10. On 10 October 2012, at the Leeds District Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of resisting or obstructing a police officer, contrary to section 89(2) of the Police Act 1996 (offence date 28 July 2012) and given a conditional discharge for six months, which, on 11 February 2013 at the Kirklees Magistrates Court, was revoked and instead you were sentenced to a community order;
11. On 31 December 2012, at the Kirklees Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of theft contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968, more particularly, theft on 9 December 2012 at Yates Bar, King Street, Huddersfield, of a handbag and contents to the value of approximately £600, belonging to EV, in relation to which offence, on 11 February 2013 at the Kirklees Magistrates Court you were sentenced to a community order with an activity requirement and directed to pay compensation of £300;
12. On 2 January 2013, you committed the offence of theft (shoplifting) contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968, more particularly theft of a Topic bar to the value of £0.72 belonging to Newstrack Newsagents, in relation to which offence, on 28 August 2013, at the Kirklees Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, were given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £15;
13. On 16 January 2019, at the West Yorkshire Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of resisting or obstructing a police officer (offence date 25

December 2018), contrary to section 89(2) of the Police Act 1996, more particularly in that you wilfully obstructed a Police Sergeant in the execution of his duty, in relation to which offence you were fined £40 and directed to pay a victim surcharge of £30 and £85 in costs

14. In May 2020, you committed offences as follows, in relation to which, on 26 August 2020, at the West Yorkshire Magistrates' Court, you were convicted following a guilty plea:

- (i) On 19 May 2020, theft (shoplifting) contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968, more particularly theft on 19 May 2012 of items of alcohol to the value of £190 belonging to Sainsbury's, in relation to which you were given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay compensation of £190, a victim surcharge of £22 and £85 in costs; and
- (ii) On 29 May 2020, theft (shoplifting) contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968, more particularly theft on 29 May 2012 of items of alcohol to the value of £91 belonging to Sainsbury's, in relation to which you were given a conditional discharge; and

15. On 17 November 2020, at the West Yorkshire Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of theft (shoplifting) contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968;

AND it is alleged that the above convictions at charges 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and/or 15, whether individually or in any combination, render you unfit to practise as a registered veterinary nurse;

AND/OR it is alleged that, in relation to the matters set out above at charges 2 and/or 12 and/or 14(i) and/or 14(ii), whether individually or in any combination, you are guilty of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect.