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Surgeon who had affair with patient is struck off

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A MARRIED surgeon has been struck off the medical register after a tribunal ruled his sexual relationship with a patient has impaired his fitness to practice.

Dr Jonathan Beacon, 66, had an 18-month affair with a 39-year-old woman who was referred to him for knee surgery at the Elms Consulting Rooms in Hall Place Gardens, St Albans, following a motorbike accident.

At a Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (MPTS) hearing on Monday the panel ruled the surgeon had breached his position by

engaging in a sexual relationship with a "vulnerable" patient and banned him from practising medicine.

MPTS panel chair Dr Linda Buchanan said: "The panel has determined that Mr Beacon's conduct has seriously undermined the public trust in the profession, and that an order of erasure is necessary to ensure the protection of patients, the maintenance of public confidence in the profession, and the declaring and upholding of proper standards of conduct and behaviour."

The affair between the father-of-three and the woman lasted from December 2006 to July 2008 while

she was being treated by him.

During the hearing the panel considered suspending Dr Beacon, who also held private consultations at the Spire Hospital in Harpenden, from the medical register but deemed his actions to be too serious. They also said they could not be satisfied his misconduct would not be repeated.

Dr Beacon's name will be struck off the register in 28 days from Monday's ruling unless an appeal is lodged.

To cover this period the panel has suspended his registration with immediate effect.

He was not present or represented at the Manchester hearing.



Jonathan Beacon

Businesswomen pit their wits against the Eggheads - but did they win?



The Business Belles from St Albans with the Eggheads and show host Jeremy Vine at the studios in Glasgow

A TEAM of quiz boffins swapped the boozier for a television studio when they went head-to-head with the formidable *Eggheads*.

The contestants, made up of a group of local businesswomen, will appear on the BBC2 general knowledge show after they proved they had the brains to take on the UK's top quiz champions.

Calling themselves Business Belles, the team decided to audition for the programme during one of their regular evenings at a pub quiz in St Albans.

Quizzer Frances Pardell, who submitted their application, said: "I love watching *Eggheads* and suggested that we apply as a joke. I never expected that we'd actually get on the show."

"The production company 12

Yard audition hundreds of people around the UK so competition to get on *Eggheads* is fierce."

The five-strong team sailed through the London auditions and were the only competitors to answer every question correctly.

This earned them a ticket to travel to Glasgow to try and outsmart the *Eggheads* and take home a cash prize.

While the Business Belles are keeping shtum about the outcome, team captain June Cory said: "We had an absolute ball, it was a brilliant experience."

"We spent four hours being treated like TV stars, but anyone who wants to know how we got on will have to wait until the programme is on BBC2 in the autumn."

Egghead hosts charity quiz night

BRAINBOXES are being urged to get their thinking caps on and sign up for a quiz night organised to raise money for St Albans-based HIV charity The Crescent.

Celebrity quizmaster CJ de Mooi, who starred on BBC TV show *Eggheads* and is the charity's patron, will be hosting the fundraiser on Friday, May 24.

The event is open to teams of between four and six people and will take place at Homewood Road United Reformed Church from 7.30pm.

Tickets costs £6 per person or £22 for teams of four and can be purchased in advance from The Crescent in Russell Avenue or on the door.



Egghead CJ de Mooi
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