



Údarás um Fhorfheidhmiú Corparáideach
Corporate Enforcement Authority

PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FORMER NAGP CHAIRMAN FINED €10,000 AND DISQUALIFIED FROM ACTING AS A DIRECTOR FOR COMPANY LAW OFFENCES

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Following an investigation by the Corporate Enforcement Authority (CEA), Dr. Andrew Jordan, former Chairman and Secretary of the National Association of General Practitioners (NAGP), has today been fined €10,000 in respect of company law offences.

Dr. Jordan pleaded guilty to two Category 1 company law offences, of having failed to take all reasonable steps to secure the NAGP's compliance with its accounting obligations in circumstances where the contraventions:

- i. arose in relation to a company that was subsequently wound up and the company was unable to pay its debts, and
- ii. resulted in substantial uncertainty as to the assets and liabilities of the company.

The offences are contrary to section 286(2)(b) and (3) of the Companies Act 2014.

In addition to the fine imposed by the Court, Dr. Jordan is also automatically disqualified from acting as a director for a period of five years as a consequence of the conviction.

In the course of the sentencing hearing before Dublin Circuit Criminal Court, Judge Martin Nolan said that the purpose of company law is “to make sure people behave appropriately and honestly in relation to company property, and so they do not expose creditors of the company to losses.” He said that Dr. Jordan failed in his duties as a director and secretary.

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NOTE FOR EDITORS

Corporate Enforcement Authority (CEA)

The CEA is Ireland's company law enforcement agency. The CEA's functions include to:

- encourage compliance with the Companies Act 2014,
- investigate instances of suspected breaches of the Companies Act 2014,
- take appropriate enforcement action in response to identified breaches of company law,
- supervise the activities of liquidators of insolvent companies, and
- operate a regime of restriction and disqualification in respect of directors of insolvent companies.

The CEA discharges its mandate to encourage compliance with company law through a range of activities, including developing and publishing accessible guidance materials and through its outreach activities.

The CEA's enforcement remit is both civil and criminal in nature and, in discharging that mandate, the CEA has at its disposal an extensive suite of statutory powers including:

- the power to require the production of documents, including electronic documents, by companies and relevant third parties,
- powers of search and seizure,
- the power of arrest, i.e., by CEA officers who are seconded members of An Garda Síochána, and
- powers to request the courts to order certain additional investigative measures.

The CEA is a multi-disciplinary agency whose staff complement includes, amongst others, accounting and legal professionals, seconded members of An Garda Síochána, and digital forensics experts.

NAGP

The NAGP was founded in 2013 as a representative association for general practitioners. The association, a limited company, entered liquidation in June 2019. At the time that the company went into liquidation, it was insolvent