

College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia

Consent Reprimand

Poll, Eric
Wolfville, Nova Scotia
CPNS Registration Number: 31604

On September 12, 2019, the Investigation Committee of the College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia (CPNS) ordered pursuant to section 67(6)(a)(i) of the *Paramedics Regulations*, and with the consent of Mr. Poll, that he receive a reprimand for breaching patient confidentiality.

It was alleged that in the course of his employment in a quality assurance role, Mr. Poll inappropriately viewed a number of health care records that were unrelated to his work in that role. Mr. Poll acknowledged that he viewed the records in question. While he stated that for some individuals (including his own records) he was motivated by curiosity, in other cases he was unable to explain his rationale.

The Committee determined that Mr. Poll engaged in serious, repeated privacy breaches and concluded that under these circumstances, his breach of the *Standards of Practice* and the *Code of Ethics* was unprofessional, and that pursuant to s. 67(4)(g) of the *Regulations*, there is sufficient evidence that, if proven, would constitute professional misconduct. The Committee determined that the issuance of a reprimand was the appropriate outcome in this situation.

On October 24, 2019, Mr. Poll consented to the reprimand.