



Type of Order: DISCIPLINARY CONSENT ORDER

Date of Order: 11 November 2016

Committee name: INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Details of IP: **Mr Gareth Neill, of Belfast**, Northern Ireland, an IPA member and Licensed Insolvency Practitioner.

Summary of complaint: This Order is made in relation to a complaint from a debtor that Mr Neill, in his role as Supervisor of an Individual Voluntary Arrangement (IVA), breached the fundamental principle of Professional Competence and Due Care by taking an unreasonable length of time to complete the debtor's IVA and by failing to communicate appropriately with the debtor.

Summary of sanctions: Accordingly, Mr Neill was found liable to disciplinary action under the IPA's Articles of Association.

The Common Sanctions Guidance provides for a Severe Reprimand and fine commensurate with the breach where there has been a material breach of the fundamental principles of the Insolvency Ethics Code. In mitigation it was noted that Mr Neill had requested certain income and expenditure information from the debtor which was not received and Mr Neill had previously been sanctioned for some of the conduct during the period prior to June 2015.

The Investigation Committee has decided to impose a disciplinary order that Mr Neill be reprimanded and pay a fine of £500 and costs.