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Chancellor's brother had sex with his vulnerable patient

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George Osborne's brother has admitted having sex with a vulnerable patient who was under his care as a disciplinary panel has heard.

Adam Osborne, a paediatrician, was suspended in March by the General Medical Council, pending a decision from the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service on his fitness to practise. Dr Osborne has admitted engaging in an inappropriate emotional and sexual relationship with a woman who had been his patient.

The woman, referred to as Patient A, admitted she had sex with Adam Osborne's brother twice, in 2010 and 2011.

Dr Osborne, 39, did not admit the charges in Manchester. The tribunal is made up of three lay members and will make a decision on the evidence on the allegation that he abused his position as a paediatrician in the region of Manchester.

The tribunal's youngest brother has admitted that he knew in 2010 he was wrong but that Patient A was younger and because of her history of mental

ill health he has also admitted that between February 14 and February 24 last year he sent inappropriate emails to the woman asking to request that she withdraw her complaints to the GMC, that he threatened her and her family and made allegations that she had sex with him.

It is the first time that Dr Os-



Adam Osborne is the chancellor's youngest brother

borne has been accused of misconduct. He was suspended for six months in 2010 after he wrote fraudulent prescriptions for his girlfriend, a family member, and an ex-girlfriend he was treating at Westminster Hospital in Manchester.

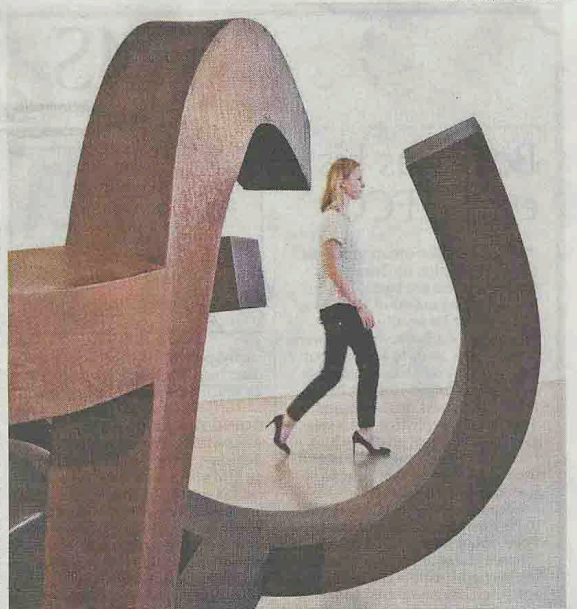
The case found then that he had "become dishonest" and that the allegations, which relate to incidents between June 2006 and May 2010,

impaired his fitness to practise. Two weeks after his suspension over the more recent allegations, Dr Osborne resigned from the private medical company which he owned in partnership with his wife, Estella Noor, a paediatrician.

Dr Osborne is an expert in attention deficit disorder in adults, and has a medical and law degree, while he has held the 24-72 hotline between 1995 and 1999. He qualified in 2003 from the University of Manchester.

On his personal website, he said he is a "socially awkward, developing, and touching a very serious mental health condition" and that he is "at the forefront of adult, complex psychiatric, medical care".

He is the youngest of four sons of 56-year-old George Osborne, one of the founders of the Conservative Party, Osborne and Little. He married Dr Noor in 2009. The couple have two children. The hearing is expected to last two days.



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