

Doctor struck off after errors cost life of six-year-old boy

◆ A doctor whose mistakes cost the life of a six-year-old has been struck off after a High Court challenge.

Jack Adcock, of Glen Parva, Leics, who had Down's syndrome and a known heart condition, died at Leicester Royal Infirmary in 2011 after he developed sepsis.

In 2015, Dr Hadiza Bawa-Garba was found guilty of gross negligence manslaughter and given a suspended two-year jail sentence.

Mr Justice Nicol then said that neither Bawa-Garba or a nurse on duty at the time "gave Jack the priority which this very sick boy deserved". However, a Medical Practitioners Tribunal later imposed only 12 months' suspension. At the High Court hearing, the General Medical Council asked two judges to quash the tribunal's decision and direct that Bawa-Garba be struck off, saying suspension was "not sufficient" to protect the public or maintain confidence in the profession.

Nicola Adcock, Jack's mother, later said: "She should have been struck off in the first place - it shouldn't have come to this. I know we'll never get Jack back, but we have got justice for our little boy."

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