A LOCUM doctor who had sex with a female patient on a consulting room couch has been struck off the medical register.

Dr Michael Moore, aged 62, had sex with the married woman, referred to as Patient A, after examining her, the General Medical Council (GMC) hearing in Manchester was told yesterday.

The retired doctor was working as a locum at the Lower Broughton Medical Centre in Salford on March 29, 2006.

Dr Moore's conversation with Patient A became "flirtatious and sexually charged" when he indicated he would need to undertake a physical examination, the hearing was told.

GMC counsel Bernadette Baxter said the doctor was surprised when Patient A confessed she had dreamed about him after a previous appointment. Ms Baxter said the doctor and patient then exchanged flirtatious comments and gestures before having sex.

The doctor, who now lives abroad and did not attend the hearing, admitted the allegations of misconduct.

Dr Nicholas Myerson, chairman of the GMC Fitness to Practise Panel, said: "Dr Moore should have taken action in response to several warning signs' or cues, in order to prevent the situation progressing inappropriately. He did not take any such action."

He said the fact Dr Moore was flattered by the attention of a younger woman did not "excuse or lessen his culpability".
He said: "Dr Moore's behaviour and actions constitute a flagrant breach of the trust placed in him as a medical practitioner. Erasure is the only sanction which would be appropriate in this case."

The doctor was arrested by police on suspicion of rape three days after the sexual encounter, but the charges were dropped when the complaint was retracted by Patient A. Dr Moore studied at the University of Liverpool and practised as a GP in the Swinton area of Salford for 30 years.

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