

Unexplained expenses lands electrician with 7-year ban

GJES London Ltd, an electrical contracting company, was incorporated in October 2011 and Grzegorz Marcin Jarnot (47), from Worcester Park, Surrey, became the sole director on the same day.

The company traded for over 7 years until GJES London went into Creditors voluntary liquidation in April 2019 as it was unable to pay its debts.

GJES London's insolvency triggered an investigation by the Insolvency Service into Grzegorz Jarnot's conduct as a director.

Investigators found that from November 2017 to April 2019 more than £952,000 had been paid into GJES London's bank account, with almost £958,000 paid out.

Grzegorz Jarnot, however, failed to provide any accounting records to prove whether the bank deposits accounted for all GJES London's income and whether the payments made out were legitimate expenditure.

Further enquiries found that GJES London was trading to the detriment of the tax authorities, having failed to pay all its VAT, PAYE and National Insurance and corporation tax from 2016 to 2019.

Investigators established that 18 months before GJES London became insolvent, the company's accounts declared that GJES London owed the tax authorities £39,500.

£810,000, however, was paid out from GJES London's company bank account in the last 15 months and no tax was paid. The tax authorities have claimed more than £255,000 in the liquidation.

On 21 December, the Secretary of State accepted an undertaking from Grzegorz Jarnot after he did not dispute that he failed to ensure GJES London Ltd maintained adequate accounting records and the tax authorities had been treated unfairly during the period of trading.

Grzegorz Jarnot's disqualification is effective from 11 January 2021 and he is banned from directly or indirectly becoming involved, without the permission of the court, in the promotion, formation or management of a company for 7 years.

Lawrence Zussman, Deputy Director of Insolvent Investigations, said:

Grzegorz Jarnot's conduct as a director was unacceptable. Records show that close to £1 million was deposited into and paid out from the company bank account. But Grzegorz Jarnot failed to explain the source of the funds, who payments were made to and whether it was legitimate business spending. He also failed to ensure the company

paid its tax obligations.

Maintaining and keeping company records is a statutory requirement for all directors and Grzegorz Jarnot's seven-year ban means he has been removed from the business environment for a substantial amount of time.

Grzegorz Marcin Jarnot is from Worcester Park, Surrey and his date of birth is February 1973.

GJES London Ltd (Company Reg no. 07795814).

Disqualification undertakings are the administrative equivalent of a disqualification order but do not involve court proceedings. Persons subject to a disqualification order are bound by a [range of other restrictions](#).

[Further information about the work of the Insolvency Service, and how to complain about financial misconduct, is available.](#)

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Closed: 2021 Groceries Sector Survey



The survey was open from 11 January to 21 February 2021 and was Mark White's first survey as the Groceries Code Adjudicator.

The GCA will publish the results in the spring/summer on the website as well as in a special edition of "News from the Adjudicator".

The answers have been collated and are now being independently analysed by YouGov. All the information provided by respondents was in strict confidence and respondents are not identified to the GCA without their prior consent.

If you have any questions about the survey, please get in touch either by email enquiries@groceriescode.gov.uk or by phone 0207 215 6537.

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[New TV advert urges public to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives](#)

New TV ad fronted by the Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty urges people to stay at home in the face of rapidly rising rate of coronavirus infections and pressures facing the NHS

Massive public information campaign will run across TV, radio, out of home and on social media from tonight Everyone in England is being urged to stay at home and “act like you’ve got it” as part of a major advertising campaign encouraging the public to control the spread of the virus and protect the NHS and save lives. Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don’t have any symptoms and can pass it on without realising, which is why it’s essential everyone stays at home and remembers Hands, Face, Space.

‘Stay at home, save lives’ will run across TV, radio, out of home advertising and on social media, and will include a new advert fronted by the Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty which will be aired for the first time on ITV at 7.15pm on Friday 8 January 2021.

The campaign recognises the overwhelming pressure facing the NHS and urges people to stay at home. It comes as current data shows COVID-19 cases and deaths are at an all-time high and NHS hospitals and staff are under huge pressure, with some hospitals in the South East at extreme capacity.

On 1 September, there were under 500 COVID-19 inpatients in hospitals in England. On 1 November this increased to approximately 9,000. On Christmas Day, it was just below the last peak at 17,701 and on 7 January there were 28,246 – that is an increase of more than 11,000 in under two weeks.

Today’s stark data (8 January) shows the UK recorded 68,053 new coronavirus cases – the highest daily total of the pandemic so far, as well as the

highest ever daily COVID-19 deaths with 1,325 fatalities.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said:

Our hospitals are under more pressure than at any other time since the start of the pandemic, and infection rates across the entire country continue to soar at an alarming rate.

The vaccine has given us renewed hope in our fight against the virus but we must not be complacent. The NHS is under severe strain and we must take action to protect it, both so our doctors and nurses can continue to save lives and so they can vaccinate as many people as possible as quickly as we can.

I know the last year has taken its toll – but your compliance is now more vital than ever. So once again, I must urge everyone to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

Health and Social Care Secretary, Matt Hancock, said:

Our NHS is facing a huge challenge – it is under immense pressure and it's imperative now more than ever we all play our part.

I know how much we have all sacrificed already, but the new variant has significantly changed the current landscape and we absolutely cannot let up now.

There is light at the end of the tunnel – the vaccine will provide a way out of this and over 1.5 million people across the UK have now been vaccinated.

Every day we are closer to beating this virus, but right now, we need to pull together for one final push and I'm urging you to continue to do your bit by staying at home to save lives and protect the NHS.

Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty, said:

Covid-19, especially the new variant, is spreading quickly across the country. This puts many people at risk of serious disease and is placing a lot of pressure on our NHS.

Once more, we must all stay at home. If it's essential to go out, remember: wash your hands, cover your face indoors and keep your distance from others.

Vaccines give clear hope for the future, but for now we must all stay home, protect the NHS and save lives.

The adverts remind the public the new Covid-19 variant is spreading fast. Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't have any symptoms, but can still pass it on, putting people at risk and a renewed pressure on our NHS.

It reiterates everyone must stay at home. If it's essential to go out, it reminds people to wash their hands, cover their face and make space.

In the meantime, NHS Test and Trace is successfully reaching more people than ever before, with 96.8% of contacts reached within 24 hours and more than five million people being reached in total. As of 30 December, more than 54 million tests have been processed in the UK in total since testing began – more than any other comparable European country.

Over 1.5 million people across the UK have now been vaccinated – more than the whole of Europe. But the Government is urging people to continue to do their bit and further prevent the spread of Covid-19.

[Government to deploy first British-manufactured rapid lateral flow antigen tests for COVID-19](#)

The Government has ordered two million of the first British-manufactured rapid lateral flow antigen tests for COVID-19 to be validated by Public Health England, for use in asymptomatic testing, Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock has announced.

Derby-based company SureScreen Diagnostics is to provide two million of the lateral flow tests, which provide results in under 30 minutes, by next Friday (15 January), with the potential to provide millions more in the coming months.

Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock said:

It is excellent to be working with a UK firm to deliver millions of these rapid tests, which are being deployed across the country to help protect our communities and most vital public services.

Roughly one in three people with Covid-19 don't display symptoms, meaning you can infect others unknowingly. This is why asymptomatic testing is so crucial in our fight against the virus, and why I'm so grateful to see the British diagnostics industry use their ingenuity and expertise in our shared purpose to protect our communities.

Interim Executive Chair of the National Institute for Health Protection
Baroness Dido Harding said:

I am really pleased that we have been able to work with SureScreen to ensure we have a British supplier for this vital testing technology. Lateral Flow Tests are playing an ever increasing role in our testing programme as we continue to expand testing to find positive cases amongst those without symptoms. Having a British manufacturer provides greater certainty that we will be able to continue to grow our supply of these important tests

David Campbell, Director of SureScreen, said:

We believe our rapid antigen tests can really help in screening people both in the community and in clinical settings. Routine testing is crucial to help business and schools as well as hospitals and GPs. We are delighted to be working with DHSC on this project and that our tests have been recognised by the Government and its scientists. We look forward to doing all we can to help the UK going forward in 2021.

Under the Government's Winter Plan, NHS Test and Trace is already deploying hundreds of thousands of rapid tests to identify asymptomatic cases in care homes, across the NHS, in critical infrastructure workplaces and food manufacturers, and in partnership with local Directors of Public Health.

In addition to this, the Government's Community Testing Programme is providing asymptomatic testing through local authorities across the UK. The SureScreen tests will form part of this important asymptomatic testing activity.

The valuable partnerships being created with companies such as SureScreen Diagnostics are further contributing to the resilience of the UK, both through supporting the work of UK diagnostics manufacturers and by harnessing the possibilities opened up by rapid regular testing.

Statement from Vaccine Deployment Minister Nadhim Zahawi on vaccine deployment

Britons will again be cheered by the news that yet another vaccine has been approved for use in the UK.

Friday's authorisation of the Moderna vaccine for (coronavirus) COVID-19 means we will, by spring, have 3 safe and effective vaccines to use.

A vaccine was always going to be our best way out of this pandemic; that's why so much effort and planning has gone into our vaccination programme.

Some 1.5 million people have got the jab already and this number is accelerating rapidly.

Tomorrow we're launching our full vaccine deployment plan – the culmination of months of preparation and hard work by the NHS, the Armed Forces, and local and regional government at every level.

The basic principle that sits behind it is to save as many lives as possible, as quickly as possible. It's also essential we reduce hospitalisations from this disease, so we can reduce the pressure on our NHS.

To achieve that, we have an ambitious plan to protect our most vulnerable groups first, because they account for more than 4 out of 5 COVID deaths. We want to offer the vaccine to the top 4 most vulnerable groups by the middle of February.

It's ambitious, but I'm confident we can do it, not least because we are drawing on the strengths of 2 of this country's most treasured assets: the NHS and our Armed Forces. We're in safe hands.

Working together, day and night, they will ensure our vaccines are going into arms rather than sitting on shelves. UK forces will use techniques borne out of decades of experience of getting things done in some of the toughest conditions imaginable. They'll bring the bravery and brilliance they shown in places like Iraq and Afghanistan to these shores.

By the end of this week, we will have over 1,000 GP-led vaccination sites up and running, as well as 223 hospital sites, 7 giant vaccination centres and the first wave of 200 community pharmacies. It means it won't be too long before we can expand our programme down the priority list and more of us can get the jabs, using our new National Booking service to make appointments.

It's an exciting time, but I recognise it's also a frustrating time because we're not there yet. We're still living under some tough restrictions and the disruption that comes with them. But as our heroes set out on this vital national mission, we can all play our part by sticking to the rules and remembering those simple steps: hands, face, space. That way their success will be our success and we can come out of this together.