

## **Consent Reprimand**

**Member: Venessa Downing**

**Decision Date: February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Consented to on: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Complaints Committee of the Nova Scotia College of Social Workers (NSCSW) issued a reprimand with consent to Ms. Venessa Downing. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Ms. Downing consented to the reprimand.

The Complaints Committee issued a reprimand with consent in accordance with the Social Work Act section 29 (2)(e), for the following reason:

Ms. Downing shared her personal One Content login information with her employee, in response to an urgent situation. This employee used her login to access patient information, with her consent, in violation to NSHA Policy. Ms. Downing sent private text messages to a private citizen that contained non-identifying confidential information regarding a patient (violation to Code of Ethics, Value 1, 4, and 5, and violation of the Standards of Practice, Standards 1.16, 1.17, 2.2.1, 4.6.1, 4.6.2, 4.6.3, 4.9.1, 9.4.1, and 9.4.2.).

Ms. Downing has engaged in appropriate remedial action to ensure the protection of clients and of the Nova Scotia public generally and is under no practice restrictions.