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East London GP is charged with 118 sexual offences

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An east London GP has been charged with 118 sexual offences against 54 victims, including a child under 13, after a four year investigation.

Manish Shah, 47, from Romford, has been charged with 65 counts of assault by penetration, 52 of sexual assault, and one of assault on a child aged under 13. He has been bailed and is due to appear on 31 August at Barkingside Magistrates' Court.

Shah, who qualified at the University of London, worked at a practice in Havering, east London, where his work included family planning. The offences were alleged to have happened from June 2004 to July 2013, when he was arrested.

Specialist detectives from the Metropolitan Police's sexual abuse command have been involved in investigating the claims, and the charges were authorised by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Interim conditions were placed on Shah's registration, and since August 2014 he has been suspended from the medical register on an interim basis.

A spokesman for the General Medical Council said, "Dr Manish Shah had conditions placed on his practice in 2013 preventing him from seeing female patients alone, and he was suspended from the register in 2014. This means he has been unable to practise since then.

"In matters where a doctor is subject to a criminal investigation, our own investigation process cannot continue until criminal proceedings have ended."