

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Wednesday, 3 April 2024**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Maria Teresa Kelly
NMC PIN	78H0031N
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – RN7, General Nurse (April 1980) RN5, Learning Disabilities Nurse (January 1982)
Relevant Location:	Belfast
Panel members:	Ingrid Lee (Chair, lay member) Helen Hughes (Registrant member) John Anderson (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Ben Stephenson
Hearings Coordinator:	Franchessca Nyame
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Roisin Finnegan, Case Presenter
Ms Kelly:	Not present and unrepresented
Interim order directed:	Interim suspension order (18 months)

Decision and reasons on interim order

The panel decided to make an interim suspension order for a period of 18 months.

Unless Ms Kelly's case has already been concluded or there has been a material change of circumstances, a panel will review the interim suspension order at a review meeting within the next six months and every six months thereafter. The reviewing panel will be invited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council ('NMC') to confirm the interim suspension order at this meeting and Ms Kelly will be notified of the panel's decision in writing following that meeting.

Where there has been a material change of circumstances that might mean that the order should be revoked or replaced, or there has been a request for an early review, a panel will review the interim order at a hearing which Ms Kelly will be invited to attend in person, send a representative on her behalf or submit written representations for the panel to consider. At any such review hearing the reviewing panel may revoke the interim order, it may confirm the interim suspension order or it may replace it with an interim conditions of practice order.

The NMC Case Examiners are yet to decide whether there is a case to answer in relation to the allegations made against Ms Kelly. The NMC will write to Ms Kelly when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to Ms Kelly in writing.

That concludes this determination.