

**Nursing and Midwifery Council  
Investigating Committee**

**Interim Order Review Hearing  
Monday 11 December 2023**

Virtual Hearing

<b>Name of Registrant:</b>	Miss Ashleigh Bird
<b>NMC PIN</b>	16A0102E
<b>Part(s) of the register:</b>	Registered Nurse Children Nursing – April 2016
<b>Relevant Location:</b>	Northamptonshire
<b>Panel members:</b>	Liz Maxey (Chair, Registrant member) Sally Pezaro (Registrant member) Richard Carnell (Lay member)
<b>Legal Assessor:</b>	Ian Ashford-Thom
<b>Hearings Coordinator:</b>	Amie Budgen
<b>Nursing and Midwifery Council:</b>	Represented by Beverley Da Costa, Case Presenter
<b>Ms Bird:</b>	Present and represented by Ms Emilie Morrison, instructed by Thompsons Solicitors
<b>Interim order to be reviewed:</b>	Interim suspension order (18 months)
<b>Outcome of review:</b>	<b>Interim suspension order replaced with interim conditions of practice order</b>

## Decision and reasons on interim order

The panel decided to replace the current interim suspension order with an interim conditions of practice order.

The panel has determined that the following conditions are proportionate and appropriate:

‘For the purposes of these conditions, ‘employment’ and ‘work’ mean any paid or unpaid post in a nursing, midwifery or nursing associate role. Also, ‘course of study’ and ‘course’ mean any course of educational study connected to nursing, midwifery or nursing associates.

1. You must only work for one substantive employer which must not be an agency.
2. You must not be the registered nurse in charge or the sole registered nurse on duty.
3. You must only work in an acute setting.
4. You must meet with your line manager, mentor or supervisor every two weeks to discuss your practice in relation to the following areas:
  - Professional boundaries.
  - Data Protection.
  - Confidentiality.
5. You must provide the NMC with a report detailing your supervision meetings with your line manager, mentor or supervisor prior to any review hearing. This report must detail the following areas:
  - Professional boundaries.
  - Data Protection.
  - Confidentiality.

6. You must develop a personal development plan (PDP), in partnership with your line manager, supervisor or mentor, which demonstrates how you have strengthened your practice in the following areas:
  - Professional boundaries.
  - Data Protection.
  - Confidentiality.

This can include completing relevant training.

7. You must keep the NMC informed about anywhere you are working by:
  - a) Telling your case officer within seven days of accepting or leaving any employment.
  - b) Giving your case officer your employer's contact details.
8. You must keep the NMC informed about anywhere you are studying by:
  - a) Telling your case officer within seven days of accepting any course of study.
  - b) Giving your case officer the name and contact details of the organisation offering that course of study.
9. You must immediately give a copy of these conditions to:
  - a) Any organisation or person you work for.
  - b) Any employers you apply to for work (at the time of application).

- c) Any establishment you apply to (at the time of application), or with which you are already enrolled, for a course of study.
10. You must tell your case officer, within seven days of your becoming aware of:
- a) Any clinical incident you are involved in.
  - b) Any investigation started against you.
  - c) Any disciplinary proceedings taken against you.
11. You must allow your case officer to share, as necessary, details about your performance, your compliance with and / or progress under these conditions with:
- a) Any current or future employer.
  - b) Any educational establishment.
  - c) Any other person(s) involved in your retraining and/or supervision required by these conditions.

Unless Ms Bird's case has already been concluded, this interim order must be reviewed before the end of the next six months and every six months thereafter. Additionally, Ms Bird or the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) may ask for the interim order to be reviewed if any new evidence becomes available that may be relevant to the interim order.

At any review a panel may revoke the interim order or any condition of it, it may confirm the interim order, or vary any condition of it, or it may replace the interim conditions of practice order with an interim suspension order.

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

This will be confirmed to Ms Bird in writing.

That concludes this determination.