

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Wednesday, 06 December 2023**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant: Patricia Ann Cooper

NMC PIN 88E0598E

Part(s) of the register: Registered Nurse – Adult
RN1 – October 1991

Relevant Location: Bristol

Panel members: Yvonne O'Connor (Chair, Registrant member)
Godfried Attafua (Registrant member)
Geoffrey Baines (Lay member)

Legal Assessor: Ian Ashford-Thom

Hearings Coordinator: Eleanor Wills

Nursing and Midwifery Council: Represented by Alex Radley, Case Presenter

Mrs Cooper: Present and represented by Chloe Hucker,
instructed by Royal College of Nursing (RCN)

Interim order directed: **Interim conditions of practice order
(18 months)**

Decision and reasons on interim order

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

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 limit your nursing practice to one substantive employer. If this is an agency, any clinical placement must be for a minimum period of three months.
2. You must not be involved in any medication administration or management without direct supervision by another Registered Nurse, until you have completed a medication competency assessment and have been signed off as competent by a Registered Nurse. You must provide the NMC with evidence of this within 7 days of the sign off date.
3. You must have monthly meetings with your line manager/supervisor/mentor to discuss your clinical performance in relation to:
 - a) Medication administration and management
4. You must submit a report of the discussion with your line manager/supervisor/mentor to the NMC prior to any NMC hearing, regarding your clinical performance in relation to:
 - a) Medication administration and management

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. You must immediately give a copy of these conditions to:
 - a) Any organisation or person you work for.
 - b) Any agency you apply to or are registered with for work.
 - c) Any employers you apply to for work (at the time of application).
 - d) Any establishment you apply to (at the time of application), or with which you are already enrolled, for a course of study.

8. 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.

9. 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

The panel decided to make this interim order for a period of 18 months in order to allow the NMC sufficient time to investigate the allegations.

Unless Mrs Cooper'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, Mrs Cooper 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 Mrs Cooper. The NMC will write to Mrs Cooper when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to Mrs Cooper in writing.

That concludes this determination.