

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**Interim Order Review Hearing
Friday, 19 January 2024**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Miss Karen Smith
NMC PIN	88G0062S
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – Mental Health (September 1991) Registered Nurse – Adult (November 1993) Nurse Independent/Supplementary Prescriber – January 2008
Relevant Location:	Aberdeen
Panel members:	Angela Williams (Chair, Lay member) Hayley Ball (Miss Smith member) Neil Calvert (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Hala Helmi
Hearings Coordinator:	Yasmina Di Gesualdo
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Ben Edwards, Case Presenter
Miss Smith:	Present and represented by Simon Holborn, instructed by Humans Ltd
Interim order to be reviewed:	Interim conditions of practice order (18 months)
Outcome of review:	Interim conditions of practice varied

Decision and reasons on interim order

The panel decided to vary the current interim conditions of practice order.

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 Badenscoth House Nursing Home.
2. You must not undertake the role of 'Advanced Nurse Practitioner'.
3. You must meet with your line manager, supervisor or mentor every two weeks, to discuss your conduct and performance in the workplace in relation to;
 - a) Quality of patient assessments
 - b) Escalation of patients concerns
 - c) Quality of your decision making and documentation
 - d) Quality and sufficiency of your record keeping
4. You must send a report from your line manager, supervisor or mentor to the NMC prior to any NMC review hearing or meeting. This report must comment on;
 - a) Quality of patient assessments
 - b) Escalation of patients concerns
 - c) Quality of your decision making and documentation
 - d) Quality and sufficiency of your record keeping
 - e) Your compliance with these conditions

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 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.

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

Unless your 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, you 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.

In certain circumstances, it may be possible for the interim conditions of practice order to be reviewed by a reviewing panel at an administrative meeting. Your case officer will write to them about this in due course.

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

This will be confirmed to you in writing.

That concludes this determination.