

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Friday 22 March 2024**

Virtual Hearing

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| Name of Registrant: | Melanie Jane Dixon |
| NMC PIN | 99G0015E |
| Part(s) of the register: | Registered Nurse – Mental Health RNMH September 2001 |
| Relevant Location: | London |
| Panel members: | Jill Robinson (Chair, Registrant member) Hayley Ball (Registrant member) Michael Lupson (Lay member) |
| Legal Assessor: | Tim Bradbury |
| Hearings Coordinator: | John Kennedy |
| Nursing and Midwifery Council: | Represented by Rosie Welsh, Case Presenter |
| Miss Dixon: | Present and represented by Neil Rees, 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 next considered whether to impose an interim conditions of practice order. The panel decided that there are workable conditions that can be formulated to adequately protect the public while also providing you with the necessary support needed for your recovery. As such it 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 a single substantive employer, which must not be an agency.
2. [PRIVATE]
3. You must not be the nurse in charge of any shift.
4. You must ensure that you are supervised at any time you are working by another registered nurse. This supervision must consist of working at all times on the same shift as, but not always directly observed by another registered nurse.
5. [PRIVATE]
6. [PRIVATE]

7. [PRIVATE]

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9. [PRIVATE]

10.[PRIVATE]

11.[PRIVATE]

12.[PRIVATE]

13.[PRIAVTE]

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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, as the NMC investigation is at an early stage.

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 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 the reviewing 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 you. The NMC will write to you when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This decision will be confirmed to you in writing.

That concludes this determination.