

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Thursday, 7 March 2024**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant: Rachel Sarah Sutton

NMC PIN 9112617E

Part(s) of the register: Registered Nurse
Adult- RNA- October 2000
Specialist Practitioner- District Nursing-
SPDN- July 2004
Nurse Independent- Supplementary
Prescriber- V300- July 2004
District Nursing- DNDN- October 2000
Community Practitioner- Nurse Prescriber-
V100- October 2000

Relevant Location: Derby, England

Panel members: Yvonne O'Connor (Chair, Registrant member)
Sue Gwyn (Registrant member)
Nicola Bowes (Lay member)

Legal Assessor: Charlotte Mitchell-Dunn

Hearings Coordinator: Sabrina Khan

Nursing and Midwifery Council: Represented by Nisha Bambhra, Case Presenter

Miss Sutton: Not Present and not represented at this hearing

Interim order directed: **Interim suspension order (18 months)**

Decision and reasons on application for hearing to be held in private

At the outset of the hearing, Ms Bambhra made a request that this case be held in private on the basis that proper exploration of Miss Sutton's case involves reference to [PRIVATE]. The application was made pursuant to Rule 19 of the 'Nursing and Midwifery Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2004', as amended (the Rules).

The legal assessor reminded the panel that while Rule 19(1) provides, as a starting point, that hearings shall be conducted in public, Rule 19(3) states that the panel may hold hearings partly or wholly in private if it is satisfied that this is justified by the interests of any party or by the public interest.

Having heard that there will be reference to Miss Sutton's [PRIVATE], the panel determined to hold the entirety of the hearing in private in order to protect her privacy.

Decision and reasons on interim order

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

Unless Miss Sutton'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 NMC to confirm the interim suspension order at this meeting and Miss Sutton 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 Miss Sutton 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 Miss Sutton. The NMC will write to Miss Sutton when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to Miss Sutton in writing.

That concludes this determination.