Nursing and Midwifery Council Fitness to Practise Committee

Interim Order Review Hearing Monday, 28 October 2024

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Steven Michael Simmons	
NMC PIN	19F1673E	
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – Sub Part 1 Adult Nursing (Level 1) – 4 November 2020	
Relevant Location:	Milton Keynes	
Panel members:	Scott Handley Helen Chrystal Nilla Varsani	(Chair, lay member) (Registrant member) (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Lachlan Wilson	
Hearings Coordinator:	Monowara Begum	
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Bethany Brown, Case Presenter	
Mr Simmons:	Not present and not represented at the hearing	
Interim order to be reviewed:	Interim conditions of practice order (18 months)	
Outcome of review:	Interim conditions of practice order replaced with interim suspension order	

Decision and reasons on interim order

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

Unless there has been a material change of circumstances, a reviewing panel will review the interim suspension order at an administrative meeting within the next six months. A reviewing panel will be invited by the NMC to confirm the interim suspension order at this meeting and Mr Simmons will be notified of that panel's decision in writing following that meeting.

Alternatively, Mr Simmons is entitled to have the interim suspension order reviewed at a hearing. This means that Mr Simmons will be able to attend and make representations, send a representative on Mr Simmons' behalf or submit written representations about whether the interim order continues to be necessary. Mr Simmons must inform his case officer if he would like the interim suspension order to be reviewed at a hearing.

Even if Mr Simmons does not request a hearing, where there has been a material change of circumstances that might mean that the interim suspension order should be revoked or replaced, a reviewing panel will review the interim suspension order at a hearing which Mr Simmons and his representative will be invited to attend.

Mr Simmons should notify the NMC immediately of any material change of circumstances that may affect the interim order.

At any time, Mr Simmons or the NMC may ask for the interim order to be reviewed by a panel if any relevant new information becomes available.

A panel of the Fitness to Practise Committee has still to deal with the allegations made against Mr Simmons. The NMC will keep Mr Simmons informed of developments in relation to that issue.

This will be confirmed to Mr Simmons in writing.

That concludes this determination.