

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**Interim Order Review Hearing
Wednesday, 11 December 2024**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Joanne Bowerbank
NMC PIN	88B0456S
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse RN1- Adult- July 2002 RN7- General (level 2) - October 1989
Relevant Location:	Staffordshire
Panel members:	Nariane Chantler (Chair, Registrant member) Carole Panteli (Registrant member) Gill Murgatroyd (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Gill Hawken
Hearings Coordinator:	Sabrina Khan
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Uzma Khan, Case Presenter
Mrs Bowerbank:	Not present and not represented
Interim order to be reviewed:	Interim suspension order (18 months)
Outcome of review:	Interim suspension order confirmed

Decision and reasons on interim order

The panel decided to confirm the current 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 Mrs Bowerbank will be notified of that panel's decision in writing following that meeting.

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

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

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

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

The NMC Case Examiners are yet to decide whether there is a case to answer in relation to the allegations made against Mrs Bowerbank.

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

This will be confirmed to Mrs Bowerbank in writing.

That concludes this determination.