

**Nursing and Midwifery Council  
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing  
Thursday, 18 July 2024**

Virtual Hearing

**Name of Registrant:** Diane Susan Coughlin

**NMC PIN** 88Y2081E

**Part(s) of the register:** Registered Nurse  
Adult – RN1 (September 1991)  
Accident and Emergency Nursing  
P199 (July 1994)  
Registered Nurse - Children – RN8 (November 1997)  
Community Practitioner Nurse Prescriber  
V100 (July 2000)  
Specialist Practitioner (Public Health Nursing –  
Health Visiting)  
SPPH (July 2000)

**Panel members:** Christopher Taylor (Chair, Registrant member)  
Dee Rogers (Lay member)  
John Anderson (Lay member)

**Legal Assessor:** Charles Apthorp

**Hearings Coordinator:** Dilay Bekteshi

**Nursing and Midwifery Council:** Represented by Rory Gordon, Case Presenter

**Mrs Coughlin:** Not present and not represented

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

## **Decision and reasons on interim order**

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

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

This will be confirmed to Mrs Coughlin in writing.

That concludes this determination.