

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Tuesday, 27 June 2024**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Fergus Emmett O'Driscoll
NMC PIN	99I0385N
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – Sub part 1 Mental Health Nursing - 12 September 2003
Relevant Location:	Derry City and Strabane
Panel members:	Mahjabeen Agha (Chair, lay member) Jessica Read (Registrant member) Alison Fisher (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Hala Helmi
Hearings Coordinator:	Hanifah Choudhury
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Lynn Roberts, Case Presenter
Mr O'Driscoll:	Not present and not represented at this hearing
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 Mr O'Driscoll'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. A panel will be invited by the NMC to confirm the interim suspension order at this meeting and Mr O'Driscoll 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 Mr O'Driscoll will be invited to attend in person, send a representative on Mr O'Driscoll's behalf or submit written representations for the panel to consider. At any such review hearing the 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 Mr O'Driscoll. The NMC will write to Mr O'Driscoll when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to Mr O'Driscoll in writing.

That concludes this determination.