

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Thursday, 16 May 2024**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Frances Nkemdilim Ihekwoaba
NMC PIN	11H0469E
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – Sub part 1 Adult Nursing – level 1 – 28 May 2012
Relevant Location:	Wales
Panel members:	Katriona Crawley (Chair, Lay member) Lynn Bayes (Registrant member) Julian Graville (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Gerard Coll
Hearings Coordinator:	Sabrina Khan
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Nisha Bambhra, Case Presenter
Mrs Ihekwoaba:	Not Present and not represented
Interim order directed:	Interim suspension order (12 months)

Decision and reasons on interim order

The panel decided to make an interim suspension order for a period of 12 months.

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

This will be confirmed to Mrs Ihekwoaba in writing.

That concludes this determination.