Nursing and Midwifery Council Investigating Committee

Interim Order Review Hearing Wednesday 27 November 2024

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant: Courage Oluchi Onunkwo

NMC PIN 1813069S

Part(s) of the register: Registered Nurse – Adult Nursing

Relevant Location: Livingston

Panel members: Petra Leseberg (Chair – Lay member)

Jenny Gough (Registrant member) Howard Millington (Lay member)

Legal Assessor: Nigel Ingram

Hearings Coordinator: Vicky Green

Nursing and Midwifery Council: Represented by Ben Edwards, Case

Presenter

Mrs Onunkwo: Present and represented by Catherine

Scrivens, UNISON

Interim order to be reviewed: Interim conditions of practice order (18

months)

Outcome of review: Interim conditions of practice order varied

'For the purposes of these conditions, 'employment' and 'work' mean any paid or unpaid post in a nursing, midwifery or nursing associate role. Also, 'course of study' and 'course' mean any course of educational study connected to nursing, midwifery or nursing associates.'

- You must limit your nursing practice to either one substantive employer or one substantive agency. If this is with an agency this must be in a placement for no less than one month.
- You must ensure that you are supervised by another Registered
 Nurse any time you are working. Your supervision must consist of
 working at all times on the same shift as, but not always directly
 observed by, another Registered Nurse.
- 3. You must not be the nurse in charge of any shift.
- 4. You must have fortnightly meetings with your line manager, supervisor, or mentor about your all-around clinical performance and conduct including but not limited to:
 - a) time management
 - b) record keeping
 - c) escalating clinical concerns and seeking advice
 - d) handovers
 - e) wound care
 - f) observations
 - g) medications administration.

Before any review meeting or hearing of this interim conditions of practice order, you must provide your NMC case officer with a report from your line manager, mentor or supervisor commenting on your

clinical performance and conduct in relation to a) to g), as set out above.

- 5. You must keep the NMC informed about anywhere you are working by:
 - a) Telling your case officer within seven days of accepting or leaving any employment.
 - b) Giving your case officer your employer's contact details.
- 6. You must keep the NMC informed about anywhere you are studying by:
 - Telling your case officer within seven days of accepting any course of study.
 - Giving your case officer the name and contact details of the organisation offering that course of study.
- 7. You must immediately give a copy of these conditions to:
 - a) Any organisation or person you work for.
 - b) Any employers you apply to for work (at the time of application).
 - c) Any establishment you apply to (at the time of application), or with which you are already enrolled, for a course of study.
- 8. You must tell your case officer, within seven days of your becoming aware of:
 - a) Any clinical incident you are involved in.
 - b) Any investigation started against you.

- c) Any disciplinary proceedings taken against you.
- 9. You must allow your case officer to share, as necessary, details about your performance, your compliance with and / or progress under these conditions with:
 - a) Any current or future employer.
 - b) Any educational establishment.
 - Any other person(s) involved in your retraining and/or supervision required by these conditions.

The panel decided to vary this interim conditions of practice order and it will run for the remainder of the current interim order.

Unless your case has already been concluded, this interim order must be reviewed before the end of the next six months and every six months thereafter. Additionally, you or the NMC may ask for the interim order to be reviewed if any new evidence becomes available that may be relevant to the interim order.

At any review, the reviewing panel may revoke the interim order or any condition of it, it may confirm the interim conditions of practice order, or vary any condition of it, or it may replace the interim conditions of practice order with an interim suspension order.

In certain circumstances, it may be possible for the interim conditions of practice order to be reviewed by a reviewing panel at an administrative meeting. Your case officer will write to you about this in due course.

The NMC Case Examiners are yet to decide whether there is a case to answer in relation to the allegations made against you. The NMC will write to you when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to you in writing.

That concludes this determination.