

**Nursing and Midwifery Council  
Fitness to Practise Committee**

**Interim Order Review Hearing  
Friday 4 October 2024**

Virtual Hearing

<b>Name of Registrant:</b>	Helen McLaughlan
<b>NMC PIN</b>	19B1394E
<b>Part(s) of the register:</b>	Registered Nurse – Adult Nursing (March 2019)
<b>Relevant Location:</b>	Slough
<b>Panel members:</b>	Fiona Abbott (Chair, lay member) Janine Ellul (Registrant member) Paul Leighton (Lay member)
<b>Legal Assessor:</b>	Charles Conway
<b>Hearings Coordinator:</b>	Muminah Hussain
<b>Nursing and Midwifery Council:</b>	Represented by Iwona Boesche, Case Presenter
<b>Miss McLaughlan:</b>	Not present and represented by Tracey Lambert, instructed by Unison
<b>Interim order to be reviewed:</b>	Interim conditions of practice order (18 months)
<b>Outcome of review:</b>	<b>Interim conditions of practice order confirmed</b>

## Decision and reasons on interim order

The panel decided to confirm the current interim conditions of practice order.

The panel was of the view that the public would remain suitably protected by the continuation of the following conditions:

‘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.

1. You must not carry out the management or administration of controlled drugs unless under the direct supervision and observation of another registered nurse.
2. Prior to any NMC case review, you should send to your NMC case officer a report from your supervisor commenting on your conduct and competence in relation to the management and administration of controlled drugs. The report should be based on supervision that has been provided from a single placement of at least 3 months.
3. You must keep us 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.
4. You must keep us informed about anywhere you are studying by:
  - a) Telling your case officer within seven days of accepting any course of study.
  - b) Giving your case officer the name and contact details of the organisation offering that course of study.

5. You must immediately give a copy of these conditions to:
  - a) Any organisation or person you work for.
  - b) Any agency you apply to or are registered with for work.
  - c) Any employers you apply to for work (at the time of application).
  - d) Any establishment you apply to (at the time of application), or with which you are already enrolled, for a course of study.
  - e) Any current or prospective patients or clients you intend to see or care for on a private basis when you are working in a self-employed capacity
  
6. 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.
  
7. 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.
  - c) Any other person(s) involved in your retraining and/or supervision required by these conditions.'

Unless Miss McLaughlan's 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, Miss McLaughlan 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. Miss McLaughlan's case officer will write to her about this in due course.

A panel of the Fitness to Practise Committee has still to deal with the allegations made against Miss McLaughlan. The NMC will keep Miss McLaughlan informed of developments in relation to that issue.

This will be confirmed to Miss McLaughlan in writing.

That concludes this determination.