

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Tuesday, 15 October 2024**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Susan Smeaton
NMC PIN:	0411728S
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse Adult-RNA-January 2013
Relevant Location:	Edinburgh
Panel members:	Mahjabeen Agha (Chair, Lay member) Siobhan Ebdon (Registrant member) Mandy Kilpatrick (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Elisa Hopley
Hearings Coordinator:	Hanifah Choudhury
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Alex Granville, Case Presenter
Miss Smeaton:	Present and unrepresented
Interim order directed:	Interim conditions of practice order (12 months)

Decision and reasons on interim order

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

The panel has determined that the following conditions are proportionate and appropriate:

'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 limit your practice to working for one substantive employer which can be an agency. If this is an agency, then it must be in a single placement for a minimum of three months.
2. You must not be the registered nurse in charge or the sole registered nurse on duty. Whilst working you must be supervised, such supervision consisting of working at all times on the same shift as, but not always directly observed by, a registered nurse.
3. You must complete training on medication administration, management of violence and aggression, control and restraint within two months of these conditions being imposed. A copy of your certificates must be provided to your NMC case officer.
4. You must not undertake medication administration and management until deemed competent to do so.
5. You must have fortnightly meetings with your line manager, supervisor or mentor to discuss:
 - a) Medication management and administration
 - b) Management of physical restraint on patients
 - c) Management of violence and control

d) [PRIVATE]

6. You must provide a report from your line manager, mentor or supervisor to your NMC case officer at least seven days before any review hearing detailing your performance in relation to:
 - a) Medication management and administration
 - b) Management of physical restraint on patients
 - c) Management of violence and control
 - d) [PRIVATE]

7. 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.

8. You must keep the NMC 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

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 Nursing and Midwifery Council (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 a panel may revoke the interim order or any condition of it, it may confirm the interim order, or vary any condition of it, or it may replace the interim conditions of practice order with an interim suspension order.

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.