

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Tuesday 17 September 2024**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Patricia Leighton
NMC PIN	07G1270E
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – Sub Part 1 Menal Health Nursing – (September 2007)
Relevant Location:	Hartlepool
Panel members:	Ingrid Lee (Chair, Lay member) Michelle Mello (Registrant member) Michaela Higgins (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Tim Bradbury
Hearings Coordinator:	Charis Benefo
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Stephanie Stevens, Case Presenter
Mrs Leighton:	Not present and unrepresented in person at the hearing
Interim order directed:	Interim conditions of practice order (18 months)

Decision and reasons on interim order

The panel decided to make an interim conditions of practice order for a period of 18 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 nursing practice to one substantive employer.
2. You must be directly supervised by another registered nurse when engaged in the administration and management of medication.
3. You must not be the nurse in charge on any shift.
4. You must have monthly meetings with your line manager, mentor or supervisor to discuss your:
 - Performance; and
 - [PRIVATE].
5. Prior to any review hearing, you must send a report from your line manager, mentor or supervisor which comments on your progress in relation to your:
 - Performance; and
 - [PRIVATE].
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 Mrs Leighton'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, Mrs Leighton 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 Mrs Leighton. The NMC will write to Mrs Leighton when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to Mrs Leighton in writing.

That concludes this determination.