

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

**Interim Order Review Hearing
Wednesday, 15 January 2025**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Andrew Samuel Dempster
NMC PIN	14I0257N
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – Sub Part 1 Learning Disabilities Nurse (Level 1) – 11 September 2014
Relevant Location:	Belfast
Panel members:	Diane Meikle (Chair, Lay member) Jenny Gough (Registrant member) Gill Murgatroyd (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Andrew Reid
Hearings Coordinator:	Eleanor Wills
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Ruth Alabaster, Case Presenter
Mr Dempster:	Not present and not represented at this hearing
Interim order to be reviewed:	Interim conditions of practice order (18 months)
Outcome of review:	Interim conditions of practice order confirmed

Decision and reasons on interim order

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

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 which must not be an agency.
2. You must not be the nurse in charge on any shift.
3. You must ensure that you are supervised at 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 a registered nurse.
4. You must meet fortnightly with your line manager, mentor or supervisor to discuss your progress and performance in the workplace in relation to:
 - a) Management of Actual or Potential Aggression (MAPA)
 - b) Treating people with dignity and respect
 - c) Communication skills
 - d) Record keeping
 - e) Duty of candour and
 - f) Your compliance with these conditions
5. You must obtain a report from your line manager, mentor or supervisor and send it to the NMC prior to any review hearing outlining your progress and performance in relation to:
 - a) Management of Actual or Potential Aggression (MAPA)

- b) Treating people with dignity and respect
- c) Communication skills
- d) Record keeping
- e) Duty of candour and
- f) Your compliance with these conditions

6. You will send your NMC case officer evidence that you have successfully completed additional training in relation to:

- a) Management of Actual or Potential Aggression (MAPA)
- b) Treating people with dignity and respect
- c) Communication skills
- d) Record keeping
- e) Duty of candour

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 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.

10. You must tell your NMC 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.
- c) Any other person(s) involved in your retraining and/or supervision required by these conditions.

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

Unless Mr Dempster'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, Mr Dempster 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 Mr Dempster. The NMC will write to Mr Dempster when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to Mr Dempster in writing.

That concludes this determination.