

When we use interim orders

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We use interim orders to protect the public from risk by restricting or suspending a nurse, midwife or nursing associate's practice. We use them:

- during our investigation,
- before the allegation against the nurse, midwife or nursing associate has been decided, and
- sometimes, after a panel makes an order against them, but before it takes effect.

Interim orders can have very restrictive effects on nurses, midwives or nursing associates, so we need to make sure we only use them when it's proportionate to do so.

We'll need good evidence of the possible harm to patients, or be able to explain why an order is otherwise in the public interest or the nurse, midwife or nursing associate's own interests.

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