

Nursing and Midwifery Council
Fitness to Practise Committee
Hearing to review a striking-off order pursuant to Article 30(7)
Thursday, 9 September 2021
Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant Nurse:	Helen Rose Hunt
NMC PIN:	15F0068W
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – Sub-part 1 Adult Nursing (June 2015)
Area of Registered Address:	Wales
Panel Members:	Deborah Jones (Chair, Lay member) Terry Shipperley (Registrant member) Darren Shenton (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Simon Walsh
Panel Secretary:	Philip Austin
Registrant:	Present and represented by Catherine Stock, counsel, of Kings View Chambers
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Christopher Scott, Case Presenter
Outcome:	Application granted subject to a Return to Practice course under Article 33(7)(a)

Decision and Reasons on application under Rule 19

At the outset of the hearing, Ms Stock, on your behalf, made a request that this hearing be held in private on the basis that there are matters relating to health which permeate this case, although health was not part of the original concerns.

Mr Scott, on behalf of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (“NMC”), submitted that it will be entirely proper to hear the matters relating to health in private.

The legal assessor reminded the panel that while Rule 19(1) of The Nursing and Midwifery Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2004 (“the Rules”) provides, as a starting point, that hearings shall be conducted in public, Rule 19(3) states that the panel may hold hearings partly or wholly in private if it is satisfied that this is justified by the interests of any party or by the public interest.

The panel decided to hold the entirety of the hearing in private as there will be issues raised which are inextricably linked to your health. Whilst the panel noted that health concerns did not form part of the previous decisions, it was aware from the paperwork provided that it would feature heavily in the panel’s consideration of the case today. The panel was therefore of the view that it would not be practicable to enter in and out of private session.

Decision on the application for restoration

The panel has considered your application for a review of your striking-off order with a view to restoration to the NMC Register very carefully. It has decided pursuant to Article 33(7) and Article 33(6) to allow the application subject to your successful completion of a Return to Practice course.