

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**Interim Order Review Hearing
Wednesday 23 February 2022
Virtual Hearing**

Name of Ms Pontes: Marlene Pontes

NMC PIN: 11D0660E

Part(s) of the register: Registered Nurse – Sub Part 1
Adult Nursing – 17 February 2012

Area of registered address: Weston-Super-Mare

Panel members: Cindy Leslie (Chair, Lay member)
Christopher Taylor (Registrant member)
Cheryl Hobson (Lay member)

Legal Assessor: Marian Gilmore QC

Hearings Coordinator: Renee Melton-Klein

Nursing and Midwifery Council: Represented by Muneeb Akram, Case Presenter

Ms Pontes: Not present and not represented

Interim order to be reviewed: Interim conditions of practice order (18 months)

Outcome of review: **Interim conditions of practice order replaced
with interim suspension order**

Decision and reasons on interim order

The panel decided to replace the current interim conditions of practice order with an interim suspension order

Unless Ms Pontes' case has already been concluded or there has been a material change of circumstances, a panel will review the interim suspension order at a review meeting within the next six months and every six months thereafter. A panel will be invited by the NMC to confirm the interim suspension order at this meeting and Ms Pontes will be notified of the panel's decision in writing following that meeting.

Where there has been a material change of circumstances that might mean that the order should be revoked or replaced, or there has been a request for an early review, a panel will review the interim order at a hearing which Ms Pontes will be invited to attend in person, send a representative on Ms Pontes' behalf or submit written representations for the panel to consider. At any such review hearing the panel may revoke the interim order, it may confirm the interim suspension order or it may replace it with an interim conditions of practice order.

The NMC Case Examiners are yet to decide whether there is a case to answer in relation to the allegations made against Ms Pontes. The NMC will write to Ms Pontes when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to Ms Pontes in writing.

That concludes this determination.