

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**Interim Order Review Hearing
Thursday, 14 December 2023**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant: Brian Francis O'Connell

NMC PIN: 76L0022E

Part(s) of the register: Registered Nurse – Sub part 1
Adult Nursing, level 2 – 1 June 1979
Registered Nurse – Sub part 2
Adult Nursing, level 1 – 26 September 2003

Relevant Location: Manchester

Panel members: Godfried Attafua (Chair, Registrant member)
Yvonne Wilkinson (Registrant member)
Geoffrey Baines (Lay member)

Legal Assessor: Jayne Salt

Hearings Coordinator: Jack Dickens

Nursing and Midwifery Council: Represented by Rebecca Steels, Case
Presenter

Mr O'Connell: Present and represented by Wafa Shah,
instructed by Thompsons Solicitors.

Interim order to be reviewed: Interim suspension order (18 months)

Outcome of review: **Interim suspension order confirmed**

Decision and reasons on interim order

The panel decided to confirm the current interim suspension order.

Unless Mr O'Connell's 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 Mr O'Connell 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 Mr O'Connell will be invited to attend in person, send a representative on Mr O'Connell's 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 you. The NMC will write to you when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to you in writing.

That concludes this determination.