

**Nursing and Midwifery Council  
Investigating Committee**

**Interim Order Review Meeting  
Wednesday, 24 April 2024**

Virtual Hearing

<b>Name of Registrant:</b>	Jacqueline Lewis
<b>NMC PIN</b>	20C0325E
<b>Part(s) of the register:</b>	Registered Nurse (Sub Part 1) Adult Nursing – Level 1 – 10 December 2020
<b>Relevant Location:</b>	Suffolk
<b>Panel members:</b>	Ingrid Lee (Chair, lay member) Debbie Holroyd (Registrant member) Hazel Wilford (Lay member)
<b>Hearings Coordinator:</b>	Catherine Blake
<b>Interim order to be reviewed:</b>	Interim suspension order (18 months)
<b>Outcome of review:</b>	<b>Interim suspension order confirmed</b>

## **Decision and reasons on interim order**

The panel decided to confirm the current interim suspension order.

In reaching its decision, the panel considered the documentation before it. The panel took account of the guidance issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) to panels considering interim orders and the appropriate test as set out at Article 31 of the 'Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001' (the Order). It may only confirm an interim order if it is satisfied that it is necessary for the protection of the public, is otherwise in the public interest or is in Mrs Lewis's own interests. The panel was mindful that its role was to undertake a risk assessment based on the information before it and not to determine the facts of the case.

This is the second review of an interim suspension order imposed on 6 June 2023 for a period of 18 months. This was reviewed on 15 November 2023 and the order confirmed.

This panel was not bound by the decisions of the previous panel on 15 November 2023.

The panel considered the new information:

- Email dated 20 December 2023 outlining that Mrs Lewis is working as a full-time ear clinic practitioner removing ear wax with syringing and microsuction.
- Emails from the Police dated 22 November 2023, 28 December 2023, and 13 March 2024 stating that they are awaiting a decision from a senior Crown Prosecution Service lawyer due to the nature of the case.

The panel heard no new information that undermines the continuing necessity of an interim order.

The panel decided to confirm the interim suspension order in the case of Mrs Lewis. The panel took account of the information it received and noted that there had been no material change of circumstance since the order was imposed and last reviewed.

Accordingly, the panel was satisfied that the order remains necessary on the same grounds and for the same reasons as previously stated by the Investigating Committee panel at the last review on 15 November 2023.

Unless there has been a material change of circumstances, a panel will review the interim suspension order at an administrative meeting within the next six months. The reviewing panel will be invited by the NMC to confirm the order at this meeting and Mrs Lewis will be notified of that panel's decision in writing following that meeting.

Alternatively, Mrs Lewis is entitled to have the interim suspension order reviewed at a hearing. This means that Mrs Lewis will be able to attend and make representations, send a representative on her behalf or submit written representations about whether the order continues to be necessary. Mrs Lewis must inform her case officer if she would like the interim suspension order to be reviewed at a hearing.

Even if Mrs Lewis does not request a hearing, where there has been a material change of circumstances that might mean that the order should be revoked or replaced, a panel will review the order at a hearing to which Mrs Lewis and her representative will be invited to attend.

This decision will be confirmed to Mrs Lewis in writing.

That concludes this determination.