

Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee

Interim Order Review Hearing
Monday 17 February 2025

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Avril Ann Hancox
NMC PIN	87I0191E
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse - Adult -12 November 1990
Relevant Location:	Lancashire
Panel members:	Liz Maxey (Chair, registrant member) Nicola Harvey (Registrant member) Louise Geldart (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Paul Hester
Hearings Coordinator:	Salima Begum
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Alastair Kennedy, Case Presenter
Ms Hancox:	Not present and unrepresented
Interim order to be reviewed:	Interim conditions of practice order (18 months)
Outcome of review:	Interim conditions of practice order varied

Decision and reasons on interim order

The panel decided to vary the current interim conditions of practice order.

The panel has determined that the following conditions are proportionate and appropriate:

For the purposes of these conditions, 'employment' and 'work' mean any paid or unpaid post in a nursing, midwifery or nursing associate role. Also, 'course of study' and 'course' mean any course of educational study connected to nursing, midwifery or nursing associates.

1. You must limit your nursing practice to one substantive employer.
You must not work for an agency.
2. You must not be the nurse in charge of any shift.
3. You must not administer medication unless directly supervised by a registered nurse until you have been assessed as competent to do so independently. You must send evidence of this completed assessment to the NMC within 7 days of completion.
4. You must ensure that you are supervised by a registered nurse any time you are working. Your supervision must consist of working at all times on the same shift as, but not always directly observed by a registered nurse.
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11. You must keep the NMC informed about anywhere you are working by:

- a) Telling your case officer within seven days of accepting or leaving any employment.
- b) Giving your case officer your employer's contact details.

12. You must keep the NMC informed about anywhere you are studying by:

- a) Telling your case officer within seven days of accepting any course of study.
- b) Giving your case officer the name and contact details of the organisation offering that course of study.

13. You must immediately give a copy of these conditions to:

- a) Any organisation or person you work for.
- b) Any employers you apply to for work (at the time of application).
- c) Any establishment you apply to (at the time of application), or with which you are already enrolled, for a course of study.

14. You must tell your case officer, within seven days of your becoming aware of:

- a) Any clinical incident you are involved in.
- b) Any investigation started against you.
- c) Any disciplinary proceedings taken against you.

15. You must allow your case officer to share, as necessary, details about your performance, your compliance with and / or progress under these conditions with:
- a) Any current or future employer.
 - b) Any educational establishment.
 - c) Any other person(s) involved in your retraining and/or supervision required by these conditions'

Unless Ms Hancox's case has already been concluded, this interim order must be reviewed before the end of the next six months and every six months thereafter. Additionally, Ms Hancox or the NMC may ask for the interim order to be reviewed if any new evidence becomes available that may be relevant to the interim order.

At any review, the reviewing panel may revoke the interim order or any condition of it, it may confirm the interim conditions of practice order, or vary any condition of it, or it may replace the interim conditions of practice order with an interim suspension order.

In certain circumstances, it may be possible for the interim conditions of practice order to be reviewed by a reviewing panel at an administrative meeting. Ms Hancox's case officer will write to her about this in due course.

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

This will be confirmed to Ms Hancox in writing.

That concludes this determination.