

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Wednesday, 23 July 2025**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Laurence Tchapong Kouwa
NMC PIN:	0118095E
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – Sub Part 1 Mental health nurse (level 1) – 14 September 2004
Relevant Location:	Cheshire West and Chester
Panel members:	Michael McCulley (Chair, Lay member) Jenny Gough (Registrant member) Sally Allbeury (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Tracy Ayling KC
Hearings Coordinator:	Amira Ahmed
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Katherine Soroya, Case Presenter
Ms Tchapong Kouwa:	Not present and not represented
Interim order directed:	Interim suspension order (18 months)

Decision and reasons on interim order

The panel decided to make an interim suspension order for a period of 18 months.

Unless Ms Tchapong Kouwa'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. The reviewing panel will be invited by the NMC to confirm the interim suspension order at this meeting and Ms Tchapong Kouwa 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 Tchapong Kouwa will be invited to attend in person, send a representative on her behalf or submit written representations for the panel to consider. At any such review hearing the reviewing 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 Tchapong Kouwa. The NMC will write to Ms Tchapong Kouwa when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to Ms Tchapong Kouwa in writing.

That concludes this determination.