

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**Interim Order Review Hearing
Friday 12 September 2025**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Susan Smeaton
NMC PIN:	0411728S
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – Sub Part 1 Adult Nursing – January 2013
Relevant Location:	Lothian
Panel members:	Renee Aleong (Chair, lay member) Jill Robinson (Registrant member) Louise Jones (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Andrew Reid
Hearings Coordinator:	Rene Aktar
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by James Edenborough, Case Presenter
Miss Smeaton:	Not present and unrepresented at the hearing
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 practice to working for one substantive employer which can be an agency. If this is an agency, then it must be in a single placement for a minimum of three months.
2. You must not be the registered nurse in charge or the sole registered nurse on duty.
3. You must work at all times on the same shift as, but not always directly observed by, a registered nurse.
4. You must not undertake medication management and administration unless directly supervised by another registered nurse, until formally assessed as competent to do so. You must send evidence of this formal assessment to your NMC case officer within 7 days of assessment.
5. You must have fortnightly meetings with your line manager, supervisor or mentor to discuss:
 - a) Medication management and administration
 - b) Management of physical restraint on patients
 - c) Management of violence and control
 - d) [PRIVATE]

6. You must provide a report from your line manager, mentor or supervisor to your NMC case officer at least seven days before any review hearing detailing your performance in relation to:
 - a) Medication management and administration
 - b) Management of physical restraint on patients
 - c) Management of violence and control
 - d) [PRIVATE]
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. You must immediately give a copy of these conditions to:
 - a) Any organisation or person you work for.
 - b) Any agency you apply to or are registered with for work.
 - c) Any employers you apply to for work (at the time of application).
 - d) Any establishment you apply to (at the time of application), or with which you are already enrolled, for a course of study.
10. 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.

11. 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 Miss Smeaton'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, Miss Smeaton or the Nursing and Midwifery Council (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 a panel may revoke the interim order or any condition of it, it may confirm the interim order, or vary any condition of it, or it may replace the interim conditions of practice order with an interim suspension order.

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

This will be confirmed to Miss Smeaton in writing.

That concludes this determination.