

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Thursday 18 September 2025**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Patrick Anthony Townsend
NMC PIN:	11C0994E
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – Sub Part 1 Mental Health Nursing – (March 2011)
Relevant Location:	Suffolk and Cambridgeshire
Panel members:	Sarah Hamilton (Chair, Lay member) Lynn Bayes (Registrant member) Leon Jacobs (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Jayne Wheat
Hearings Coordinator:	Charis Benefo
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Gabriel Neophytou, Case Presenter
Mr Townsend:	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 Mr Townsend'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 Townsend 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 Townsend will be invited to attend in person, send a representative on Mr Townsend'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 Mr Townsend. The NMC will write to Mr Townsend when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to Mr Townsend in writing.

That concludes this determination.