

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Thursday, 5 February 2026**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Anthony James Stephens
NMC PIN	17A2175E
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse - Adult RNA – March 2017
Relevant Location:	Rochdale
Panel members:	Angela Williams (Chair, Lay member) Suzie Adam (Registrant member) Eleanor Harding (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Paul Hester
Hearings Coordinator:	Ekaette Uwa
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Alex Radley, Case Presenter
Mr Stephens:	Not present and not represented at this hearing, but provided written submissions from the Royal College of Nursing (RCN)
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 Stephens' 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, Mr Stephens 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.

Unless Mr Stephens' 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 Stephens 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 Stephens will be invited to attend in person, send a representative on Mr Stephens' 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 Stephens. The NMC will write to Mr Stephens when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to Mr Stephens in writing.

That concludes this determination.