

**Nursing and Midwifery Council  
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing  
Tuesday, 6 January 2026**

Virtual Hearing

<b>Name of Registrant:</b>	Kate Atherton
<b>NMC PIN:</b>	10K0494E
<b>Part(s) of the register:</b>	Nurse Independent / Supplementary Prescriber (V300) (11 July 2022)  Registered Nurse – Adult (RNA) (26 October 2011)
<b>Relevant Location:</b>	Lancashire
<b>Panel members:</b>	Jill Robinson (Chair, registrant member) Yvonne Thomson (Registrant member) David Brown (Lay member)
<b>Legal Assessor:</b>	Angus Macpherson
<b>Hearings Coordinator:</b>	Sharmilla Nanan
<b>Nursing and Midwifery Council:</b>	Represented by Nina Dunn, Case Presenter
<b>Miss Atherton:</b>	Present and not represented at the hearing
<b>Interim order directed:</b>	<b>Interim suspension order (12 months)</b>

## **Decision and reasons on interim order**

The panel decided to make an interim suspension order for a period of 12 months.

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

This will be confirmed to you in writing.

That concludes this determination.