

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Friday, 23 January 2026**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Janice Mary Sowden
NMC PIN:	06G1872E
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse - Adult RNA – March 2007
Relevant Location:	Devon
Panel members:	Godfried Attafaa (Chair, registrant member) Cherry Brennan (Registrant member) Louise Jones (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Nicholas Baldock
Hearings Coordinator:	Catherine Acevedo
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Shopna Roy, Case Presenter
Mrs Sowden:	Not present and unrepresented in the hearing
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 Mrs Sowden'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 Mrs Sowden 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 Mrs Sowden 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 Mrs Sowden. The NMC will write to Mrs Sowden when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This decision will be confirmed to Mrs Sowden in writing.

That concludes this determination.