

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Investigating Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Tuesday 26 May 2026**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Richard Edward Smith
NMC PIN:	88A0174W
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse Adult Nursing – June 1991
Relevant Location:	Newport
Panel members:	Godfried Attafua (Chair, registrant member) Karen McCutcheon (Registrant member) Richard Carnell (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Trevor Jones
Hearings Coordinator:	Shela Begum
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Ruhena Parker, Case Presenter
Mr Smith:	Not present and unrepresented
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 Smith'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 Mr Smith 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 Smith will be invited to attend in person, send a representative on his 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 Mr Smith. The NMC will write to Mr Smith when the case is ready for the next stage of the fitness to practise process.

This will be confirmed to Mr Smith in writing.

That concludes this determination.