

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Fitness to Practise Committee**

**New Interim Order Hearing
Friday, 4 September 2026**

Virtual Hearing

Name of Registrant:	Mercy Umelo-Chinedu
NMC PIN:	22E1307O
Part(s) of the register:	Registered Nurse – Adult RNA – May 2022
Relevant Location:	Plymouth
Panel members:	Mandy Elizabeth Rayani (Chair, Registrant member) Jane Colbourne (Registrant member) Alison McVitty (Lay member)
Legal Assessor:	Paul Housego
Hearings Coordinator:	Teige Gardner
Nursing and Midwifery Council:	Represented by Stephen Earnshaw, Case Presenter
Ms Umelo-Chinedu:	Not present, written representations from the Royal College of Nursing
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 Ms Umelo-Chinedu'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 Ms Umelo-Chinedu 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 Ms Umelo-Chinedu 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.

A panel of the Fitness to Practise Committee has still to deal with the allegations made against Ms Umelo-Chinedu. The NMC will keep Ms Umelo-Chinedu informed of developments in relation to that issue.

This will be confirmed to Ms Umelo-Chinedu in writing.

That concludes this determination.