

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

**Substantive Meeting
Monday, 26 April 2021**

**Nursing and Midwifery Council
Virtual Meeting**

Name of registrant: Ms Bridget Makaza

NMC PIN: 17J01740

Part(s) of the register: Registered nurse – Sub Part 1
Adult Nursing – October 2017

Area of registered address: Zimbabwe

Type of case: Misconduct

Panel members: Rachel Ellis (Chair, Lay member)
Christine Callender (Registrant member)
Laura Wallbank (Registrant member)

Legal Assessor: Sanjay Lal

Panel Secretary: Xenia Menzl

Facts proved: Charge 1

Fitness to practise: Impaired

Sanction: **Striking-off order**

Interim order: **Interim suspension order (18 Months)**

Decision and reasons for meeting to be marked as private

The panel noted that case involves references to a third party investigation and court proceedings.

The legal assessor reminded the panel that while Rule 19(1) provides, as a starting point, that hearings shall be conducted in public, Rule 19(3) states that the panel may hold hearings partly or wholly in private if it is satisfied that this is justified by the interests of any party or by the public interest.

The panel concluded that the charges in this matter are inextricably linked with ongoing criminal proceedings. In order to avoid any prejudice to those proceedings, the panel determined to hold the entire meeting in private.

Sanction

The panel has considered this case very carefully and has decided to make a striking-off order. It directs the registrar to strike Ms Makaza off the register. The effect of this order is that the NMC register will show that Ms Makaza has been struck-off the register.