

## Part 7: Reviews of your interim order

### Key points

- Your interim order will be reviewed periodically by the interim orders tribunal to check whether the order remains necessary and sufficient
- In certain circumstances, reviews on the papers can be available as an alternative to attending a review hearing where there is agreement on the outcome

### Review of the interim order

A decision to impose an interim order takes effect immediately. If the interim orders tribunal decides to impose an interim order, the order must be reviewed within the first six months of it coming into force and then at intervals of at least every six months. This is to ensure that it remains necessary and appropriate for the interim order to remain in place.

A review hearing must take place within three months where:

- An order for interim conditions has been replaced with an order for interim suspension
- An order for interim suspension has been replaced with an order for interim conditions
- The High Court has extended an interim order beyond the period initially set.

At review hearings, the interim orders tribunal can:

- Maintain the existing interim order
- Replace an existing interim order of conditions with one of suspension (and vice versa)
- Vary conditions imposed
- Revoke the existing interim order.

The interim orders tribunal will consider the information previously presented at earlier hearings and any other new information which has been received since. It will

use all of this information to decide whether an interim order ought to remain in place and what type.

You will be notified of an interim orders tribunal review hearing at least seven days in advance of your hearing, unless there are exceptional circumstances. The steps to take before your interim orders tribunal review hearing are all the same regardless of the type of hearing, except in the case of reviews on paper, which are explained below.

## Early review of the interim order

The order may also be reviewed earlier when new evidence relevant to the current interim order becomes available, which could mean the current interim order is no longer appropriate. For example, the GMC may have received information that suggests your registration needs be further restricted. Or alternatively, you may have provided the GMC with information to suggest the interim order is not required or should be less restrictive. You or the GMC can both apply for an early review hearing in these circumstances.

## Review on the papers

Interim orders can also be reviewed 'on the papers'. This means a review would take place without you or the GMC needing to attend a hearing. All cases that are due for a review will be considered, but a review on the papers won't always be possible.

Further detailed guidance about reviews on the papers, including the steps you need to take, can be found in our [Guidance on reviews on the papers](#).

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