First-tier Tribunal Care Standards

The Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Health, Education and Social Care)
Rules 2008

NCN: [2021] UKFTT 412 (HESC) [2021] 4440.EY-SUS

VKinly Hearing by video-link on 17 November 2021

BEFORE

Siobhan Goodrich (Tribunal Judge)
Mike Cann (Specialist Member)
Christopher Akinleye (Specialist Member)

BETWEEN:

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Appellant

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Ofsted

Respondent

DECISION

The Appeal

- 1. By notice dated 27 October 2021 the Appellant appeals against the Respondent's decision made on 22 October 2021 to suspend her registration as a childminder for a period of six weeks to 2nd December 2021.
- 2. The right of appeal lies under regulation 12 of the Childcare (Early Years and General Childcare Registers (Common Provisions) Regulations 2009, ("the Regulations"). The Applicant seeks a direction that the suspension shall cease to have effect. The Respondent resists the appeal and requests that the decision to suspend registration be confirmed.

Restricted Reporting Order

3. The Tribunal makes a restricted reporting order under Rule 14(1) (a) and (b) of the 2008 Rules, prohibiting the disclosure or publication of any documents or matter likely

to lead members of the public to identify the Appellant, members of her family, or any children involved. The need to protect their interests can be dealt with by anonymisation.

The Hearing

- 4. We had read the indexed e-bundle in advance. We need not relate its contents in detail. We were assisted by the Respondent's skeleton which the Appellant confirmed she had read. We were also assisted by her witness statements which explained her position.
- 5. There were no difficulties with the video connection at any stage.
- 6. At the start of the hearing the judge took some time to explain the legal framework to the Appellant and, in particular, that the Tribunal is not concerned with fact-finding, but with the assessment of risk in the context of nature of the allegations made and the concerns raised by Ofsted. She explained the threshold test to the Appellant.
- 7. The judge explained that the focus of the hearing would be on the panel's assessment of risk in the context of the nature of the allegations made, and the issue of proportionality bearing in mind the potential impact of the suspension upon her. She explained the framework regarding suspension which is designed to be an interim process pending further investigation and/or future decision making by the Respondent.

Attendance

- 8. The hearing was attended by:
 - the Appellant
 - Ms Katie Sparrow, Early Years Regulatory Officer
 - Ms Ann Law, Early Years Senior Officer
 - Ms Birks, partner, Ward Hadaway, who represented the Respondent.
 - Mrs Kelly, an Ofsted observer.

The Background and Chronology

- 9. This is as follows:
 - i. The Appellant was first registered on 7 January 2008 on the Early Years Register, the compulsory part of the Childcare Register and the voluntary part of the Childcare Register to provide childminding in her home where she lives with her husband (Mr D) and their son, B. Mr D is 50 years old and B is aged 15.

- ii. No concerns have been raised in relation to the Appellant in the past and the last inspection in 2019 rated the service overall as 'good'.
- iii. On 26 June 2021 an allegation was made to the police against the Appellant's husband. The alleged offence is that of rape/sexual assault of a 14 year old male child approximately 30 years ago. The allegation has been subject to police investigation since it was made.
- iv. On 29 June 2021 Donna Green (the Local Authority Designated Officer for safeguarding) made a referral to Ofsted because of the police investigation for the alleged historical offence. She also informed Ofsted that a referral had been made to Children's Social Care for assessment in respect of the Appellant's own child.
- v. On 30 June Ofsted was informed by Ms Green that a safety plan was discussed and agreed between the family, Children's Social Care and the Police, and that the Appellant's husband would move out of the family home until all investigations are completed. This he duly did.
- vi. S47 enquiries by Lancashire County Council's social care Team resulted in a decision that B is not judged to be at continuing risk of significant harm. This is against the background that Miss Hunter, social worker, had recommended a risk management plan be put in place for the return of the Appellant's husband. This included a proposal to seek to prevent the Appellant's husband being in the property whilst any other children were present.
- vii. On 28 July 2021 the Appellant and her husband were sent a written document drafted by Children's Care Services which they signed. This included provision that Mr D's contact with B was to be supervised by the Appellant, and that Mr D would not be present at the home between 8am and 6pm.
- viii. On 22 October 2021 Ms Hunter informed Ofsted that there had been a change to the written agreement because of non-compliance: the Appellant's son had said that he had spent time alone with his father in a hot tub in the garden without A's supervision. The Appellant's husband was therefore no longer permitted by social services to return to the property. Ms Hunter informed Ofsted that they were currently issuing care proceedings for an interim supervision order for A's son which, it was felt, would give weight to the written agreement. Reference was also made to an order being sought to prevent Mr D from returning to the home.

The Respondent's case

10. In summary Ofsted's case is that it had entered into a voluntary agreement with the Appellant that she would not allow her husband on the premises when minded children are present and she would supervise any contact between her husband and her son.

This was based on a written agreement between the Local Authority and her good registration history with Ofsted. Both Ofsted and the Children's Social Care had had no reason to doubt that she was capable of safeguarding her own son. However, the Appellant has breached the written agreement by allowing her husband to have unsupervised contact with a child (her son) in her home. This act of non-compliance, and failure of her duty to comply with the safeguarding arrangements put in place, raises significant concern over her ability to make safe decisions for her own child and therefore, for those who she provides childcare for. The Respondent acknowledges that the allegations being investigated do not relate directly to the Appellant. However, the suspension is required to safeguard the children and allow time for Ofsted to work with the relevant agencies in relation to their ongoing enquiries.

- 11. Amongst other matters, Ms Law, the decision maker, is concerned that:
 - a) the Appellant's act of non-compliance has demonstrated that she cannot be trusted to work with professionals.
 - b) The Appellant's admission that she allowed Mr Drayton to have unsupervised contact with their son because she 'wanted some normality' reinforced the decision that the Appellant is unable to make safe decisions to safeguard her own child and does not assure the Respondent that she will be able to make safe decisions to safeguard other people's children.
 - c) The information regarding the Appellant's actions and decision-making demonstrates that she does not meet the requirements of the Statutory framework for the early year's foundation stage, specifically section 3.9 relating to suitable people.
 - d) The Appellant is a Welfare Officer at the local golf club. Mr Drayton is a Voluntary Junior Golf Advisor at the same golf club and his role involves coaching junior members under the age of 18 years. The social worker asked the Appellant if she reported the allegations against Mr Drayton to England Golf and she replied 'No, it's not crossed my mind to report it'. Ofsted consider that this reinforces the decision that the Appellant is unable to work with other professionals in order to safeguard children.
- 12. The Respondent's overall position is that the Appellant had the opportunity to demonstrate that she would comply with the requirements of the agreement and take steps to safeguard children. As this agreement has now been breached, Ofsted has no alternative but to suspend the registration. The purpose of suspension is to allow time to investigate the belief that a child may be exposed to a risk of harm and for any necessary steps to be taken to eliminate or reduce the risk of harm.

The Appellant's case

13. In summary, the Appellant's position is the police investigation relates to a historic allegation against her husband. She feels that what is happening in her personal life (which is not true and is a malicious allegation) should not impact on her working life when her husband has since 28 June 2021 complied with the request of Children's Social Care and the agreement by Ofsted that he should not be on the premises whilst

she is working. She said in her statement "I understand it looks like I failed to meet the requirements of the role by not reporting the allegation against my husband straight away which I admit I should have done but in my defence I had just had my world turned upside down, I wasn't thinking straight and was still trying to process what was happening." Her case is that she understands her obligation to safeguard minded children in her care. The decision to suspend her registration is disproportionate.

14. She has provided positive character references from the parents whose children are minded by her.

Legal Framework

- 15. The statutory framework for the registration of childminders is provided under the Childcare Act 2006. Section 69(1) of the Act provides for regulations to be made dealing with the suspension of a person's registration: see regulations 8-13 of the Regulations.
- 16. When deciding whether to suspend a childminder, the test is set out in regulation 9 of the 2008 Regulations as follows:

"that the Chief Inspector **reasonably believes** that the continued provision of childcare by the registered person to any child **may expose** such a child to **a risk** of harm."

(our **bold**)

17. It is not necessary for the Chief Inspector, (or the Tribunal), to be satisfied that there has been actual harm, or even a likelihood of harm, merely that a child may be exposed to a risk of harm. "Harm" is defined in regulation 13 as having the same definition as in section 31(9) of the Children Act 1989.

"ill-treatment or the impairment of health or development including, for example, impairment suffered from seeing or hearing the ill treatment of another;

"development" means physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development;

"health" means physical or mental health; and

"ill-treatment" includes sexual abuse and forms of ill-treatment which are not physical.

- 18. The immediate duration of a suspension under Regulation 9 is for a period of six weeks. It may, however, be extended to 12 weeks under Regulation 10 and beyond twelve weeks where "it is not reasonably practicable (for reasons beyond the control of the Chief Inspector)—
 - (a) to complete any investigation into the grounds for the Chief Inspector's belief referred to in regulation 9, or
 - (b) for any necessary steps to be taken to eliminate or reduce the risk of harm referred to in regulation 9, within a period of 12 weeks, the period of

suspension may continue until the end of the investigation referred to in sub-paragraph (a), or until the steps referred to in sub-paragraph (b) have been taken."

- 19. Suspension may be lifted at any time if the circumstances described in regulation 9 cease to exist. This imposes an ongoing obligation upon the Respondent to monitor whether suspension remains necessary.
- 20. The powers of the Tribunal are that it stands in the shoes of the Chief Inspector. The first issue to be addressed by the panel is whether, as at today's date, it reasonably believes that the continued provision of childcare by the registered person to any child may expose such a child to a risk of harm (the threshold test).
- 21. The burden of satisfying us that the threshold test under regulation 9 is met lies on the Respondent. The standard of proof 'reasonable cause to believe' falls somewhere between the balance of probability test and 'reasonable cause to suspect'. The belief is to be judged by whether a reasonable person, assumed to know the law and possessed of the information, would believe that a child may be exposed to a risk of harm.
- 22. We are further guided by **GM** at [21]
 - "Although the word "significant" does not appear in regulation 9, both the general legislative context and the principle of proportionality suggest that the contemplated risk must be one of significant harm."
- 23. Even if the threshold test is satisfied by the Respondent, that is not an end of the matter because the panel must decide whether the decision is necessary, justified, and proportionate. The Respondent bears the persuasive burden in this regard.

Additional Evidence

24. The Respondent sought to rely upon an updating statement from Mrs Sparrow. The Appellant did not object. We considered the evidence was relevant and it was fair to receive it.

Further additional information

- 25. The Appellant informed us that there had been a hearing in care proceedings at the County Court the previous day when the Judge had declined to make a supervision order. She also said that a new social worker had been assigned, Ms Hunter having been "removed". She said that her barrister in the care proceedings had suggested that the panel may wish to consider deferring these proceedings.
- 26. In the event, after submissions from Ms Birks about the need to decide the appeal before the expiry on 2nd December 2021 it became apparent that information from the

Appellant's barrister was contained in an email which explained that the Judge had said that he was happy to assist by recording on the face of the order the following-which was read to us by the Appellant. (The order has not, of course, yet been drawn up).

"I will not be agreeing to an order. There will be no supervision order in this case. It is not necessary or proportionate. Contact will be supervised by mother. She will not leave her son alone in the house with the father. That does not mean she has to watch them constantly – just that she does not leave the property or leave her son for periods of time in the sole care of his father. The breach of the agreement was a minor one and did not justify the decision regarding the imposition of supervision of her son's contact that the LA has made."

The Appellant also read out the following:

"The Judge did, of course, make it clear that both myself and my husband were not legally tied to comply with the restrictions or my husband living away from home or the supervision restrictions on contact, but he asked if we would both agree to this continuing until the next hearing on 14 December 2021."

- 27. The Appellant went on to say that the Judge had said that he did not see any risk to B by Mr D being at the home and had given the LA until 14 December to produce evidence as to risk. She also said that her husband had never been on the premises between the hours of 8am and 6pm. Her husband had never been at the home when minded children were present since June 2021.
- 28. The panel judge explained to the Appellant that the decision that this panel had to make was different to that which the judge in care proceedings had faced. He had made his (interim) decision based on the best interests and welfare of B. This panel had to assess the risk to the safety and welfare of minded children. The threshold test to be applied by this panel when considering a suspension decision was different and was lower. That said, the information about the care proceedings was relevant background material. The panel rose for 30 minutes to enable the Respondent to speak to the LA to ascertain whether the information we had been given was accurate and to take instructions.
- 29. When the hearing resumed Ms Birks said that Mrs Sparrow had spoken with the LA. The position was that Mr D must not sleep at the premises but can return to see his wife and child. The Judge had said that interim measures would not be put in place. This may change on 14 December. Her understanding was that the investigations were ongoing. It was open to the Appellant to withdraw her appeal in the knowledge that suspension would be considered by Ofsted again before its (primary) expiry on 2 December, and if adverse the Appellant had another right of appeal.

30. The Appellant did not ask to withdraw her appeal. We considered that it would be inappropriate to adjourn the hearing given that, unless decided by 2nd December 2021, the appeal would automatically be allowed. It also seemed unlikely that the material before us would be different if the appeal were to be postponed to a date before 2nd December.

The Evidence

- 31. We heard evidence from Mrs Sparrow and Mrs Law who each adopted their statements. With the Appellant's agreement the judge assisted her by asking questions that were relevant to her concerns.
- 32. In summary Ms Sparrow said that she had not had time to clarify whether a new social worker was to be appointed. The person she spoke to suggested that there was new information and the decision made by the Judge in care proceedings may change at the hearing on the 14 December 2021. She was notable to share what that information was and had given no indication as to when the new information had been received.
- 33. In answer to panel questions Ms Sparrow said that she had no information to contradict the Appellant's statement that her husband had never been at the premises whilst minded children were present.
- 34.Ms Sparrow said that the Appellant had explained her understanding of what supervision meant under the agreement with the LA. It was that she could not have a shower or even go to the toilet. When she asked the Appellant about the circumstances that had led to the breach, the Appellant said that she had initially not realised. She then said she knew it was wrong. The circumstances were that her husband was already in the hot tub and her son arrived back from golf and jumped in. She was pottering and had gone to the living room for 10-15 minutes. She had said that she had wanted a "moment of normality." Asked why it was considered that the Appellant would not continue to comply with the agreement that her husband would not be present at the premises whilst minded children were present, Ms Sparrow said that it might help to clarify the discussions held at the case review. Their discussions were about the Appellant's ability to safeguard given that she had breached the agreement regarding the safeguarding of her son. This meant that Ofsted were unable to make a safe decision based on that agreement. Their concerns were about the Appellant's ability to make safeguarding decisions. She agreed that she was saying generally that it was considered that the Appellant cannot risk assess. The breach of the agreement was not the only element. Her lack of action (in notification) given her role at the golf club was concerning.
- 35. Mrs Law adopted her witness statement with one small amendment to an exhibit number. She said that she had had the opportunity to reflect on what had been said in the care proceedings and to consider whether it impacts upon the decision to

suspend registration. The care proceedings are still underway. There is social worker involvement. Whilst the Judge in the care proceedings said it (i.e. that the Appellant's did not have continuous "eyes on" when her son was with her father in the hot tub) was a minor breach, it was still a breach. She then said "there are matters underway that do need a decision that we are awaiting." Her statement (summarised at [5-7] above) covered all of the issues that had come to light. The breach was the turning point and the risk of harm is still there.

- 36. In answer to the panel questions Mrs Law said that the Appellant had broken the written agreement knowingly and willingly. She understood the emotional upset involved but the Appellant had shown that she was not able to be rational, impartial and non-emotional. She had exposed her son to risk of harm. She did not believe that her husband posed a risk. She had not relayed information between professionals. She had not contacted the golf club. She considers that "if we lift the suspension we will be putting children at risk of harm by allowing her more chances (to breach the agreement). Her decision was based on the Appellant's lack of action regarding safeguarding matters and welfare requirements, and as a mother. She was highly critical of the Appellant's initial decision not to tell her 15 year-old son of the sexual nature of the allegation made against his father despite professional advice that it was in his best interests to do so. She considered that this showed an unwillingness to listen to professional advice. It could be years before there was any outcome regarding the police investigation but she did not intend the suspension to be in place just because of the police investigation. The Appellant's attitude and responses showed that she is not able to safeguard children at the moment. She had put her son at risk. Asked about the circumstances regarding the historic allegation she said that "on the face of what we know it is a low risk but it is still a risk. There may be further information."
- 37. Arising from the panel questions the Appellant asked Mrs Law about her view that she was not capable of making objective decisions, and specifically why she was not now considered capable when she had been capable for the last six months. Ms Law said that it was the fact that she had not abided by the agreement. She had told the social worker that she knew it was wrong but had wanted a moment of normality. Ms Law also said again that she had exposed her son to the risk of harm.
- 38. In answer to Ms Birks. Mrs Law explained that her assessment that the risk was low related to Mr D. It remained the same today. However, the risk level from the Appellant's lack of action is much higher. There was nothing in the past history to suggest that she could not safeguard children, but the bigger picture heightened the risk. Taken to the definition of "harm" in section 31 of the Children's Act 18989 Ms Law identified that she considered that the risk pertained to harm by ill-treatment which includes sexual abuse and forms of ill-treatment which are not physical. Asked if anything else applied she said it would depend on the action or inaction on the part of

the Appellant. If the Appellant did not make referrals it would leave children at risk of harm. The Appellant had said she breached the agreement because she wanted a moment of normality. The concern is that the Appellant cannot risk assess. She may not have any understanding of familial sexual abuse.

The Tribunal's consideration

- 39. We will not refer to every aspect of the material before us, the skeleton or oral submissions. We have taken all the information and submission before us into account.
- 40. We are not today involved in finding facts. Our task is essentially that of a risk assessment as at today's date in the light of the nature of the allegations before us, and in circumstances where the evidence is necessarily incomplete because further investigation is being undertaken by the police. It is common ground that the police investigation, which has been underway for some six months, may yet take some considerable time.
- 41. We add that whilst reference is drawn from case law to our "placing ourselves in the shoes of the Chief Inspector", we are an independent panel making a risk assessment as at today's date against the threshold set out in paragraph 9, and on the basis of the evidence available as at today's date.
- 42. The Respondent has satisfied us that the threshold test under regulation 9 (and applying the guidance on **Ofsted v GM and WM** [2009] UKUT 89 (AAC)), is met. In our view the core matter from which minded children should be protected is the risk that Mr D would have contact with them pending further investigation.
- 43. Ms Birks submitted that if the test was satisfied then the impact of the decision of the decision on the Appellant and/or the families who use her services could not outweigh the need to safeguard children. The impact of her submissions (at least as first made) suggested that there was no need for the panel to consider proportionality. She did qualify this by saying that we would need to consider whether alternatives to suspension might be sufficient to address the risk of harm. In effect we understood that she was submitting that the impact on the Appellant and families using her services could not carry significant weight.
- 44. In **Ofsted v GM and WM** at [22] it was expressly recognised that Regulation 9 sets a low threshold but the mere fact that the threshold is passed does not necessarily mean that the power of suspension in regulation 8 must be exercised. This was also said:
 - "37. We stress that the exercise of the judgment required by regulation 8 will turn very much on the facts of a particular case. If Ofsted wishes to resist an appeal against a suspension on the ground that further investigations need to be carried out, it needs to make it clear to the First-tier Tribunal what those investigations

are and what steps it might wish to take depending on the outcome of the investigations. It may well be, for instance, that the fact that a child has suffered a non-accidental injury that may have been caused by a childminder will prompt a detailed examination of the childminder's records and interviews with other parents, conducted by Ofsted itself after the police have released any records they have seized and said they will not be interviewing such witnesses themselves. If that be the case, Ofsted should explain that to the tribunal, because the tribunal must consider whether any continuation of the suspension has a clear purpose and therefore is capable of being proportionate having regard to the adverse consequences not only for the childminder but also for the children being cared for and their parents."

- 45. Ms Birks acknowledged that the police investigation into the historic allegations may take some considerable time. She also pointed out that the Respondent's future decision making was not dependent on the outcome of the police investigation because Ofsted now has other concerns regarding the Appellant's suitability. One of the purposes of the suspension is to allow time for the statutory process involved in making a substantive decision as to whether the Appellant's registration should, or should not, be cancelled on the grounds of suitability.
- 46. There is no provision under Regulation 12 to enable this panel to impose conditions instead of suspension. The Tribunal's only power on appeal against a suspension decision is to confirm the decision or direct that the suspension cease to have effect. (As the judge explained to the Appellant there is, however, the power to impose conditions (if appropriate) in the event of an appeal against a **substantive** decision to cancel registration if such a decision were to be made and appealed.) Consideration of the prospects that any perceived risk might be capable of being mitigated in some way short of suspension is, however, a means by which it is possible for this Tribunal panel to mentally cross-check the necessity for, and proportionality of, suspension.
- 47. We considered the impact of the suspension. We recognise that, if the suspension decision is confirmed, it seems likely it will be extended for another six weeks on or before its expiry on 2 December 2021, and might be extended thereafter whilst the police conclude their investigation. Ms Birks accepted that this could be a long time off but, as we have said, she emphasised that Ofsted could proceed to consider cancellation on suitability grounds irrespective of the police investigation.
- 48. We are not deciding disputed facts or making a decision on the rival versions of events about precisely what was said by the Appellant and/or how it was understood or interpreted. We noted that the Appellant has freely acknowledged that she should have notified the local golf club and Golf England of the allegation against her husband. What is, in our view, important is that the Appellant has said that she has not allowed her husband to be present on the premises whilst minded children were present since 28th June 2021. There is no evidence to suggest to the contrary.

- 49. We have carefully considered all the material before us. We attach very great weight indeed to the need to safeguard children from the risk of harm. Although the threshold test in these proceedings has been satisfied by the Respondent it does not necessarily follow that a suspension order is necessary and proportionate. In our view the protection that is necessary can be achieved by means other than suspension in this case. It is common ground that it is open to the Respondent to impose conditions on the Appellant's registration. Whilst this process may take time, the Appellant has said that she will not allow her husband to be on the premises whilst minded children are present. There is no suggestion that she has not done that since June 2021. We recognise that Ofsted has concerns about the Appellant's ability to abide by an agreement because she did not directly supervise her son after he joined his father in the hot tub. The Appellant has said that she was able to see and hear father and son because she was in the kitchen preparing the meal. The Respondent submits that the act of non-compliance regarding her son's welfare and best interests poses a transferable risk regarding non-compliance in relation to minded children. In our view this lacks traction given that there is no evidence that the Appellant has failed to do that which she agreed to do regarding minded children. To abide by such a condition for so many months must, in our view, carry very significant weight when assessing the risk that the Appellant would now fail to comply with any requirement that her husband is not present in the home when minded children are there. In our view there is a clear distinction to be drawn in this case regarding the assessment of risk to the Appellant's son - which is first and foremost the subject of the ongoing and contested care proceedings – and the issue of risk to minded children.
- 50. It is common ground that the Appellant did not notify the Golf Club or Gold England of the allegation made to the police. 26th June. Whether she made contact with either the local Club or the national body or they contacted her on 29/30th June 2021, the fact is that she agreed to resign because of the conflict in interests involved. Her explanation for why she did not contact either body sooner is that she "did not think about it" at the time. It is not hard to see that the Appellant must have been in turmoil given the nature of the allegation and the fact that her husband had been interviewed by the police.
- 51. We consider that the Appellant was very straightforward in her responses. She told us that she had not allowed her husband to be present at the premises whilst minded children are present since June 2021. There is no suggestion that Mr D would not respect his wife's position. She told us that she had agreed to abide by the agreement with social services at the request of the judge in care proceedings pending the further hearing on 14 December. We consider that she will abide by her promise and/or a condition to this effect, if one were to be imposed by Ofsted.
- 52. If Ofsted are minded to consider cancellation of the Appellant's registration on the grounds that she is no longer suitable on the basis of the alleged breach of the agreement with Social Services regarding the Appellant's supervision of her son and/or its concerns about the fact that the Appellant did not immediately notify the local golf Club or Golf England of the allegation against her husband and/or other

concerns regarding her understanding of safeguarding and/or her honesty, that is a course that is open to them. We do not, however, consider that suspension is necessary to protect minded children pending Ofsted's consideration of her suitability on a substantive basis, or pending further investigation by the police and/or social services. We say this because there is a reasonable alternative i.e. the imposition by Ofsted of a condition that Mr D must not to be present at the premises at any time that minded children are present. In our view this would meet the legitimate public interest aim pending further decision-making or investigation. It is open to Ofsted to monitor compliance by unannounced inspection and, in the event of a breach, to make a new decision to suspend. It is also open to Ofsted to make a further decision to suspend if new material comes to light that is considered to impact upon the necessity for the order.

53. For the reasons given the Respondent has not satisfied us that it is necessary or proportionate to the public interest in the safety and well-being of children that the Appellant's registration is suspended pending further investigation or decision making.

Decision

The decision to suspend registration is set aside and the appeal is allowed.

Tribunal Judge Siobhan Goodrich
First-tier Tribunal (Health Education and Social Care)

Date Issued: 23 November 2021