

<b>Summary</b>	
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## Registered Veterinary Nurses Preliminary Investigation Committee

### Chair's Report to Council

#### Introduction

1. Since the last Report to Council, there have been two meetings of the RVN Preliminary Investigation Committee, which took place on 30 June and 1 September 2020.

#### RVN Concerns received / registered

2. Between 28 May and 30 September 2020 there were twelve new Concerns received against RVNs. Of these twelve new Concerns:
  - Three were closed at Stage 1 of the concerns process.
  - Nine are currently under investigation by the Case Examiner Group (a veterinary nurse and lay member on RVN PIC and a Case Manager).

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3. There have been two new concerns considered by the RVN PIC between 28 May and 30 September 2020. The first case was referred to external solicitors for formal statements and the second case was closed with advice issued to the RVN.

#### Ongoing Investigations

4. Three concerns are currently under investigation and will be returned to the RVN PIC for a decision in due course.

#### Health Concerns

5. One RVN is currently being managed in the context of the RCVS Health Protocol.

#### Performance Concerns

6. There are currently no RVNs being managed in the context of the RCVS Performance Protocol.

#### Referral to Disciplinary Committee

7. The last report stated that one case had been referred to the RVN Disciplinary Committee. The case was listed for a Disciplinary hearing but was subsequently postponed due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The hearing has been re-listed to take place between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020.