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Registered Veterinary Nurses Preliminary Investigation Committee

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 1 November and 13 December 2022.

RVN Concerns received / registered

2. In the period 25 October 2022 to 6 January 2023, there were 7 new Concerns relating to RVNs. Of these 7 new Concerns:

- All are currently under investigation by a Case Manager, Veterinary Nurse, Veterinary surgeon, and a lay member (Stage 1 Preliminary Investigation Committee)

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3. There have been 2 new cases considered by the RVN PIC between 25 October 2022 and 6 January 2023. The first case was referred to external solicitors for formal statements to be taken and a decision on the second case was adjourned pending further investigation. At the meeting on 1 November, the Committee considered an ongoing case and decided to refer it to the RVN Disciplinary Committee for a formal hearing.

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. Since the last report, one case has been referred to the RVN Disciplinary Committee. This will be listed for a hearing in due course.

Disciplinary Hearings

8. A disciplinary hearing took place between 25 and 26 October 2022. The Disciplinary Committee directed that the RVN's name should be removed from the Register.

Operational matters

9. The new concerns process commenced on 1 October 2022 and is now bedding in. Both Case Managers and PIC members have worked hard to ensure that the new process is running smoothly and to address any initial issues that have arisen.

10. Stage two PIC meetings continue to be held remotely. A few meetings have been scheduled to take place in person in 2023. A further training session to address the impending Charter Case Committee and to reflect on the new process will be arranged in the next couple of months.