

Summary

Meeting	Council
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Summary	This report sets out the work of the Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN) Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC)
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Classifications

Document	Classification ¹	Rationales ²
Paper	Unclassified	n/a

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Registered Veterinary Nurses Preliminary Investigation Committee

Report to Council

Introduction

1. Since the last Report to Council, there has been two meetings of the Stage 2 VN PIC, which took place on 12 November and 17 December. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 28 January 2025.

RVN Concerns received / registered

2. In the period 25 October 2024 to 3 January 2025, there were eight new Concerns relating to RVNs. Of these eight new Concerns, all are currently under investigation by a Case Manager, Veterinary Nurse, Veterinary surgeon, and a lay member (Stage 1 VNPIC).

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3. Six new cases have been considered by the Stage 2 VNPIC between 25 October 2024 and 3 January 2025. One case was referred to external solicitors for formal statements to be taken. Two cases were referred to the Charter Case Committee. One case was adjourned for further enquiries to be made. One case was adjourned to obtain an expert opinion. One case was referred to the RVN Disciplinary Committee.

Ongoing Investigations

4. Five concerns are currently under investigation by the Stage 2 VN PIC, and these will be returned to the Committee for a decision in due course.

Health Concerns

5. There are currently no RVNs 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, five cases involving two veterinary nurses have been referred to the RVN Disciplinary Committee.

Referral to Charter Case Committee

8. Since the last report, two cases involving two veterinary nurses have been referred to the Charter Case Committee.

Disciplinary Hearings

9. Since the last report, one disciplinary hearing has taken place in relation to a veterinary nurse. The charge related to the Respondent's conviction for the theft and attempted theft of animals. The Disciplinary Committee found that the conviction, set out in the charge, rendered the Respondent unfit to practise and decided to impose a reprimand and warning as to their future conduct.