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Registered Veterinary Nurses Preliminary Investigation Committee

Report to Council

Introduction

1. Since the last Report to Council, there has been one meeting of the RVN Preliminary Investigation Committee, which took place on 6 April 2021. The meeting scheduled to take place on 18 May 2021 was cancelled, as no new cases had been referred and no decisions were required on the ongoing case. The next scheduled meeting is on 29 June 2021.

RVN Concerns received / registered

2. In the period 9 March 2021 to 25 May 2021, there were seven new Concerns relating to RVNs. Of these seven new Concerns:
 - One case was closed at Stage 1 of the concerns process.
 - Six 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 has been one new case considered by the RVN PIC between 9 March 2021 and 25 May 2021. This case was referred to the College's external solicitors for formal statements to be obtained.

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, the RVN PIC has referred one case to the RVN Disciplinary Committee. The hearing has been listed to take place between the 14th and 18th June in a virtual capacity.

Operational matters

8. Sarah Bedwell's term comes to an end in June. Sarah has been a lay member on the Committee since 2013 and we are very grateful for the contribution she has made to the Committee over the last eight years.