

Summary

Meeting	Council
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Title	RVN Preliminary Investigation Committee Report to Council
Summary	This report sets out the work of the Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN) Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC)
Decisions required	None
Attachments	None
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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 one meeting of the Stage 2 VN PIC, which took place on 28 January 2025. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 11 March 2025.

RVN Concerns received / registered

2. In the period 4 January 2025 and 28 February 2025, there were 12 new Concerns relating to RVNs. Of these 12 new Concerns:
 - 1 case closed at Stage 1 VNPIC.
 - 11 cases are currently under investigation by a Case Manager, Veterinary Nurse, Veterinary surgeon, and a lay member (Stage 1 VNPIC).

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3. No new cases have been considered by the Stage 2 VNPIC between 4 January 2025 and 28 February 2025. One ongoing case was referred to the Charter Case Committee.

Ongoing Investigations

4. Seven 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, no cases have been referred to the RVN Disciplinary Committee.

Referral to Charter Case Committee

8. Since the last report, one case involving one veterinary nurse has been referred to the Charter Case Committee.

Disciplinary Hearings

9. Since the last report, no disciplinary hearings have taken place in relation to veterinary nurses.