Summary

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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 31 October and 12 December 2023.

RVN Concerns received / registered

2. In the period 28 October to 5 January, there were 10 new Concerns relating to RVNs. Of these 10 new Concerns:

   - 2 cases closed at Stage 1 PIC

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

   - 1 case has been referred to Stage 2 PIC

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3. Three new cases have been considered by the RVN PIC between 28 October and 5 January. Two cases were referred to external solicitors for formal statements to be taken. One case was referred to the RVN Disciplinary Committee. During the reporting period, the RVN PIC has decided on one ongoing case which was referred to the RVN Disciplinary Committee.

Ongoing Investigations

4. Five concerns are currently under investigation and will be returned to the RVN PIC 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, two cases have been referred to the RVN Disciplinary Committee for a formal hearing. The first hearing has been listed to take place between 12 and 16 February 2024 (excluding 21 February) and the second case will be listed in due course.

Disciplinary Hearings

8. A disciplinary hearing took place on 6 and 7 November 2023. The Disciplinary Committee directed that the RVN's name should be removed from the Register.

Operational matters

9. A training day for PIC members is due to take place in the early part of 2024 with the date to be confirmed shortly.