

Summary	
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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 23 January 2024. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 5 March 2024.

RVN Concerns received / registered

2. In the period 6 January to 1 March, there were eight new Concerns relating to RVNs. Of these eight new Concerns:
 - Six cases are currently under investigation by a Case Manager, Veterinary Nurse, Veterinary surgeon, and a lay member (Stage 1 Preliminary Investigation Committee)
 - Two cases have been referred to Stage 2 PIC.

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3. Three new cases have been considered by the RVN PIC between 6 January and 1 March. One case was closed, and two linked cases were adjourned for further investigation and referral to external solicitors for formal statements to be taken.

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

Disciplinary Hearings

8. No Disciplinary hearings have taken place since the last report.

Operational matters

9. A training day for PIC members and Profcon staff has been arranged for 25 March 2024.