

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Agreed Removal Decision

Registrant: Joanne McColl

PIN: 09I0137E

Part(s) of the register: Registered Nurse - Adult Nursing

Relevant Location: Merseyside

On 23 September 2022 we received a referral raising a concern about Joanne McColl's fitness to practise. It's alleged that between April 2018 and February 2022 Joanne McColl:

- failed to carry out patient assessments and conduct observations
- failed to promptly escalate a deteriorating patient
- failed to provide care and / or document care provided
- acted outside of her scope of competence in discharging patients without referral for further assessments and without necessary information leaflets or advice
- failed to administer medication
- poor record keeping
- dishonestly recorded a pregnancy test had been completed for a patient when a test hadn't been carried out.

We investigated the issue and the matter was referred to the Fitness to Practise Committee. No allegation against Joanne McColl has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees.

Joanne McColl admits that she inappropriately discharged a patient without referring them for further assessment, didn't adequately undertake observations on them and didn't provide them with the necessary information leaflets. She denies dishonestly recording the pregnancy test. She says that she didn't carry out the test but recorded what she had been told by another member of staff. She has said that she can't accept many of the concerns that have been raised, as she hasn't had sufficient information about each incident, given how long ago they happened.

On 31 March 2025 we received an application from Joanne McColl for agreed removal from the NMC register.

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR'S DECISION

As an Assistant Registrar, I have delegated authority to make decisions about agreed removal and have agreed to removal from the NMC register in this case.

In accordance with Rule 14 of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (Education, Registration and Registration Appeals) Rules 2004, in considering Joanne McColl's application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- comments received from the person that made the allegation against Joanne McColl
- Joanne McColl's agreed removal application form
- case examiner decision
- that the alleged dishonesty was an isolated incident, with no other concerns raised about Joanne McColl's honesty
- the interests of Joanne McColl
- the public interest.

I'm satisfied that:

- Joanne McColl no longer intends to work as a registered nurse
- while serious and wide ranging, the concerns don't raise fundamental questions about Joanne McColl's professionalism or a harmful deep-seated attitudinal issue
- the allegations against Joanne McColl aren't likely to result in a striking-off order
- there are no other good reasons requiring us to consider the allegations further at this time
- the public interest is best served by agreeing the application for removal and enabling Joanne McColl to leave the NMC register.

We'll publish a record of this decision for twelve months from the date of the decision, 25 June 2025. In the event that Joanne McColl seeks readmission to the register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.