

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Agreed Removal Decision

Registrant: Karen Elizabeth Whittaker

PIN: 85A0388E

Part(s) of the register: Registered Nurse

Relevant Location: Cheshire

On 5 June 2024 we received a referral raising a concern about Ms Whittaker's fitness to practise involving failures in assessment, record keeping, and escalation. Ms Whittaker is also alleged to have attempted to suppress or minimise the reporting of a pressure sore, which raises potential concerns around candour.

We investigated the issue, and the matter was referred to Investigation. No allegation against Ms Whittaker has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees. On 27 January 2025 we received an application from Ms Whittaker 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 because:

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

- comments received from the makers of the allegation against Ms Whittaker
- Agreed Removal Bundle
- the interests of Ms Whittaker
- the public interest

I'm satisfied that:

- Ms Whittaker no longer intends to work as a registered nurse
- the allegations against Ms Whittaker are not so serious as to be fundamentally incompatible with continued registration
- The makers of the allegations do not object to the application to be removed from the register
- there are no other good reasons requiring us to consider the allegations further at this time,

- the public interest is best served by the immediate removal of Ms Whittaker's name from the NMC Register.

This record of decision will be published for twelve months from the date of the decision, 12 June 2025. In the event that Ms Whittaker seeks readmission to the Register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.

Anthony Robinson
Assistant Registrar