

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Agreed Removal Decision

Registrant: Catherine Ruth Hodge

PIN: 14D1147E

Part(s) of the register: Registered Midwife

Relevant Location: Dorset

On 9 December 2022, we received a referral raising a concern about Catherine Ruth Hodge's fitness to practise. The referral gave rise to a concern that Catherine Ruth Hodge has a health condition capable of impairing her fitness to practise.

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

On 20 August 2025, we received an application from Catherine Ruth Hodge 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 Catherine Ruth Hodge's application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- comments received from the person who made the allegation against Catherine Ruth Hodge
- the reasons for the decision to refer the matter to the Fitness to Practise Committee
- the interests of Catherine Ruth Hodge
- the public interest.

I'm satisfied that:

- Catherine Ruth Hodge no longer intends to work as a registered midwife
- the allegations against Catherine Ruth Hodge 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 Catherine Ruth Hodge to leave the NMC register.

We'll publish a record of this decision for twelve months from the date of the decision, **19 September 2025**. In the event that Catherine Ruth Hodge seeks readmission to the register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.