

# Nursing and Midwifery Council

## Agreed Removal Decision

**Registrant:** Patricia Leighton

**PIN:** 07G1270E

**Part(s) of the register:** Registered Nurse - Mental Health Nursing

**Relevant Location:** County Durham

On 21 August 2024 we received a referral raising a concern about Patricia Leighton's fitness to practise. The referral gave rise to a concern that Patricia Leighton has a health condition capable of impairing her fitness to practise.

We investigated the issue and the matter was referred to the case examiners. A decision hasn't been made by the case examiners at this time. No allegation against Patricia Leighton has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees.

On 5 December 2025 we received an application from Patricia Leighton 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 Patricia Leighton's application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- agreed removal application dated 7 November 2025
- report to the case examiners dated November 2025 and accompanying documentation
- Patricia Leighton's reflective statement and response to the concerns.
- the interests of Patricia Leighton
- the public interest.

We sought to contact the person who made the allegation against Patricia Leighton for their comments on the application for agreed removal. No comments were received within a reasonable period.

I'm satisfied that:

- Patricia Leighton no longer intends to work as a registered nurse

- the allegations against Patricia Leighton 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 Patricia Leighton to leave the NMC register.

We'll publish a record of this decision for twelve months from the date of the decision, 03 February 2026. In the event that Patricia Leighton seeks readmission to the register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.