

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Agreed Removal Decision

Registrant: Paul Michael Ashton

PIN: 86A0099E

Part(s) of the register: Registered Nurse – Adult

Relevant Location: Sheffield

On 16 June 2024 we received a referral raising a concern about Mr Ashton's fitness to practise. It's alleged that Mr Ashton was convicted of an offence of intentionally exposing his genitals intending that someone would see them and be caused alarm or distress contrary to section 66 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

We investigated the issue and the matter was referred for investigation. No fitness to practise allegation against Mr Ashton has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees, however he was sentenced on 7 February 2025 and given a nine month community order.

On 3 October 2025 we received an application from Mr Ashton 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 Mr Ashton's application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- Information relating to Mr Ashton's conviction
- the interests of Mr Ashton
- the public interest.

I'm satisfied that:

- Mr Ashton no longer intends to work as a registered nurse
- the allegations against Mr Ashton 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 Mr Ashton to leave the NMC register.

We'll publish a record of this decision for twelve months from the date of the decision, **13 March 2026**. In the event that Mr Ashton seeks readmission to the register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.