

# Nursing and Midwifery Council

## Agreed Removal Decision

**Registrant:** Mark Vincent Edwards

**PIN:** 92C3195E

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

**Relevant Location:** Kent

On 14 September 2021 we received a referral raising concerns about Mark Vincent Edwards's fitness to practise. It's alleged he made racially discriminatory remarks to colleagues, made inappropriate comments to colleagues and unwanted and inappropriate physical contact with colleagues and those comments and contact were sexually motivated.

Mark Vincent Edward's has admitted the regulatory concerns and admitted that his fitness to practise is impaired.

The case was referred to our case examiners but our investigation hadn't concluded at the date of this decision. No allegation against Mark Vincent Edwards has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees.

On 27 September 2024 we received an application from Mark Vincent Edwards 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 Mark Vincent Edwards's application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- the allegations and the supporting evidence gathered to date
- the interests of Mark Vincent Edwards
- the public interest.

We sought to contact the people who made the allegations against Mark Vincent Edwards for their comments on the application for agreed removal. No comments were received within a reasonable period.

I'm satisfied that:

- Mark Vincent Edwards no longer intends to work as a registered nurse

- the allegations against Mark Vincent Edwards could result in a striking-off order, however
- I have seen evidence of exceptional circumstances in Mark Vincent Edwards case that make it appropriate to depart from the general principle that serious allegations such as this, should be decided by a panel of our Fitness to Practise Committee, and
- the public interest is best served by agreeing the application for removal and enabling Mark Vincent Edwards to leave the NMC register.

We'll publish a record of this decision for twelve months from the date of the decision, 19 December 2024. In the event that Mark Vincent Edwards seeks readmission to the register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.