

# **Nursing and Midwifery Council**

## **Agreed Removal Decision**

**Registrant:** Victoria Marie Owens

**PIN:** 12G0248W

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

**Relevant Location:** Carmarthenshire

On 29 September 2023 we received a referral raising a concern about Victoria Marie Owens' fitness to practise. It's alleged that Victoria Marie Owens breached patient confidentiality on numerous occasions by accessing their personal records without clinical justification. Some of the patients were known to Ms Owens.

We investigated the issue and the matter was referred to our case examiners. No allegation against Victoria Marie Owens has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees.

Ms Owens admits the regulatory concerns with her practice.

Ms Owens has provided information to help us understand the context in which the incidents occurred. Ms Owens has also shown remorse for her actions and demonstrated some insight into what occurred.

On 17 October 2024 we received an application from Victoria Marie Owens 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 Victoria Marie Owens' application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- information relating to the concerns about Victoria Marie Owens' practice
- the interests of Victoria Marie Owens
- the public interest.

We contacted the person who made the allegation against Victoria Marie Owens for their comments on the application for agreed removal and they declined to comment.

I'm satisfied that:

- Victoria Marie Owens no longer intends to work as a registered nurse

- the allegations against Victoria Marie Owens aren't likely to result in a striking-off order given that she has fully accepted the concerns, demonstrated insight into them and due to the context in which they occurred
- 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 Victoria Marie Owens to leave the NMC register.

We'll publish a record of this decision for twelve months from the date of the decision, **6 December 2024**. In the event that Victoria Marie Owens seeks readmission to the register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.