

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Agreed Removal Decision

Registrant: Lesley Weeks

PIN: 89F0611E

Part(s) of the register: Registered Specialist Community Public Health Nurse – Health Visitor & Registered Nurse – Adult

Relevant Location: Durham

On 7 December 2020, we received a referral raising a concern about Lesley Weeks' fitness to practise. Between 2018 and 2020, it's alleged that there were issues with Lesley weeks' records and assessments of patients. The issues covered things like history taking, clinical examination, ordering of tests, prescribing, recording of red flag symptoms, safety netting and taking vital signs.

Lesley Weeks accepted the concern about her record keeping and explained that this was a consequence of rushing and an increased workload. She denied any issues with her assessment of patients and said that it was the documentation shortfalls which led to the opinion that she hadn't provided adequate patient care.

We investigated the issue and a set of undertakings was agreed between Lesley Weeks and the case examiners. No allegation against Lesley Weeks has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees.

On 23 April 2024, we received an application from Lesley Weeks 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 Lesley Weeks' application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- comments received from the person that made the allegation against Lesley Weeks
- the reasons for the decision to agree undertakings
- the responses from Lesley Weeks
- the interests of Lesley Weeks
- the public interest.

I'm satisfied that:

- Lesley Weeks no longer intends to work as a registered nurse,
- the allegations against Lesley Weeks are not so serious as to be fundamentally incompatible with continued registration,
- there are no other good reasons requiring us to consider the allegations further at this time,
- the public interest is best served by approving the application and enabling Lesley Weeks to leave the NMC register.

This record of decision will be published for twelve months from the date of the decision, **5 June 2024**. In the event that Lesley Weeks seeks readmission to the register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.