

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Agreed Removal Decision

Registrant: Valerie Craven

PIN: 74D0239E

Part(s) of the register: Registered Nurse - Adult (Level 2) Nursing

Relevant Location: West Yorkshire

On 29 August 2023 we received a referral raising a concern about Valerie Craven's fitness to practise. It's alleged that Valerie Craven:

- administered a dose of dexamethasone to a patient which had already been administered by another member of staff
- used inappropriate manual handling / rough handling techniques towards patients and failed to maintain a patient's dignity
- failed to work co-operatively with others as she spoke in a rude, dismissive manner and undermined colleagues
- breached patient confidentiality by sharing information with a patient's family when the patient had expressed that they did not consent to it.

We investigated the issue and the matter was referred to the Fitness to Practise Committee. No allegation against Valerie Craven has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees.

Valerie Craven accepts some of the concerns raised about her practice including the medication error, communicating poorly and breaching patient confidentiality. She denies using inappropriate manual handling techniques and being responsible for failing to maintain a patient's dignity while moving them off the floor.

On 22 March 2024 we received an application from Valerie Craven 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 Valerie Craven's application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- agreed removal application form dated 22 March 2024,
- case examiner decision letter dated 20 March 2024,
- investigation report and accompanying documentation,

- correspondence sent in by Valerie Craven,
- the interests of Valerie Craven,
- the public interest.

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

I'm satisfied that:

- Valerie Craven no longer intends to work as a registered nurse,
- the allegations against Valerie Craven 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 the immediate removal of Valerie Craven's name from the NMC Register.

This record of decision will be published for twelve months from the date of the decision, 09 May 2024. In the event that Valerie Craven seeks readmission to the Register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.