

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Agreed Removal Decision

Registrant: Paula Ruth Hooley

PIN: 85Y2379E

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

Relevant Location: Somerset

On 6 September 2023 we received a referral raising a concern about Paula Ruth Hooley's fitness to practise. It's alleged that Paula Ruth Hooley made a number of medication and record keeping errors over a six month period while working as a staff nurse.

The matter was referred to our case examiners. The NMC investigation hasn't finished and the case examiners are yet to decide whether there's a case to answer. No allegation against Paula Ruth Hooley has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees.

On 2 October 2023 we received an application from Paula Ruth Hooley 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 Paula Ruth Hooley's application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- comments received from the person that made the allegation against Paula Ruth Hooley,
- the referral form and supporting documents,
- the reasons to progress the case for further investigation,
- the documentation provided by Paula Ruth Hooley,
- the interests of Paula Ruth Hooley,
- the public interest.

I'm satisfied that:

- Paula Ruth Hooley no longer intends to work as a registered nurse,
- the allegations against Paula Ruth Hooley 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 Paula Ruth Hooley's name from the NMC Register.

This record of decision will be published for twelve months from the date of the decision, 21 May 2024. In the event that Paula Ruth Hooley seeks readmission to the Register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.