

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Agreed Removal Decision

Registrant: Michele Samways

PIN: 07B1763E

Part(s) of the register: Registered Midwife

Relevant Location: Devon

On 27 April 2022, we received a referral about Michele Samways' fitness to practise. The referral raised several serious concerns about Michele Samways' conduct, clinical practice and health that could be capable of resulting in harm to people receiving care in the future.

Michele Samways accepts the concerns raised about her fitness to practise.

The matter was referred to our case examiners but the NMC investigation isn't finished. No allegation against Michele Samways has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees.

On 10 March 2024, we received an application from Michele Samways 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 Michele Samways's application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- the agreed removal application form
- the comments received from the person that made the allegation against Michele Samways
- the information and evidence obtained during the NMC investigation so far
- the interests of Michele Samways
- the public interest.

I'm satisfied that:

- Michele Samways no longer intends to work as a registered midwife
- there's enough information to make a decision about the seriousness of the concerns and the public interest in agreeing removal from our register without completing our investigation

- in the circumstances, the allegations against Michele Samways 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 Michele Samways to leave the NMC register.

This record of decision will be published for twelve months from the date of the decision, **7 May 2024**. In the event that Michele Samways seeks readmission to the register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.