

# **Nursing and Midwifery Council**

## **Agreed Removal Decision**

**Registrant:** Christine Dunn

**PIN:** 08L0079E

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

**Relevant Location:** Durham

On 12 April 2023 we received a referral raising a concern about Christine Dunn's fitness to practise, arising from her role as a nurse in a care home. It's alleged the following issues occurred:

- failures in medicine administration and management
- not ensuring a resident received one-to-one support
- failing to pass on relevant information about residents to other colleagues
- not ensuring a resident was weighed
- not following the protocol after a resident had fallen
- poor management of a shift
- making offensive/upsetting remarks to residents
- using inappropriate physical restraint to keep a patient in a chair and prevent them from using the toilet
- inappropriately intervening to remove an object from a resident.

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

Christine Dunn has acknowledged concerns with her medication management but hasn't accepted all of the regulatory concerns. Christine Dunn also acknowledged that her communication with residents could improve.

The allegations of making offensive remarks and physical interventions with residents are very serious, however, the context to the incidents suggest that they were not intended to cause harm. All these incidents with residents occurred on the same date and there is no indication of general concerns with Christine Dunns attitude towards people in her care.

On 28 October 2024 we received an application from Christine Dunn 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 Christine Dunn's application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- comments received from the person that made the allegation against Christine Dunn
- evidence about the concerns
- the interests of Christine Dunn
- the public interest.

I'm satisfied that:

- Christine Dunn no longer intends to work as a registered nurse
- the allegations 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 agreeing the application for removal and enabling Christine Dunn to leave the NMC register.

We'll publish a record of this decision for twelve months from the date of the decision, 26 November 2024. In the event that Christine Dunn seeks readmission to the register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.