

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Agreed Removal Decision

Registrant: Helen Ralfs

PIN: 09H0696E

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

Relevant Location: Isle of White

On 1 February 2022 we received a referral raising a concern about Helen Ralfs' fitness to practise. It's alleged that she failed to manage her case load safely by not acting on and dealing with concerns, failed to keep clear and accurate records and didn't communicate appropriately with the families she was working with. Helen Ralfs accepts the concerns raised but says there were contextual issues to what happened.

We investigated the issue but no allegation against Helen Ralfs has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees.

On 7 November 2024 we received an application from Helen Ralfs 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 Helen Ralfs' application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- the case examiner decision letter
- the information provided by the person making the allegations against Helen Ralfs and their comments on the application for agreed removal
- the interests of Helen Ralfs
- the public interest.

I'm satisfied that:

- Helen Ralfs no longer intends to work as a registered nurse
- the allegations against Helen Ralfs are not so serious that they're likely to result in the Fitness to Practise Committee making a striking-off order
- 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 Helen Ralfs to leave the NMC register.

We'll publish a record of this decision for twelve months from the date of the decision, 20 December 2024. In the event that Helen Ralfs seeks readmission to the register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.