

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Agreed Removal Decision

Registrant: Laurna Joan Aitken

PIN: 10I0026E

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

Relevant Location: Surrey

On 28 April 2022 we received a referral raising a concern about Laurna Joan Aitken's fitness to practise as a midwife. It's alleged that Laurna Joan Aitken lacks competence to practise as a midwife.

Laurna Joan Aitken accepts that her fitness to practise as a midwife is impaired because of this.

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

On 28 February 2024 we received an application from Laurna Joan Aitken for agreed removal from the midwifery part of the NMC Register.

Laurna Joan Aitken is a dual registered professional and is also on the NMC Register as a Registered Nurse – Adult Nursing. The application for agreed removal does not relate to that part of the register. In the particular circumstances of this case, I consider that it is appropriate to depart from our usual practice and consider an application for agreed removal in relation to Ms Aitken's entry on the midwifery part of the register only.

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 midwifery part of the NMC Register.

In accordance with Rule 14 of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (Education, Registration and Registration Appeals) Rules 2004, in considering Laurna Joan Aitken's application for agreed removal, I've taken into account:

- the application for agreed removal from the midwifery part of the Register
- the case examiners' decision
- the interests of Laurna Joan Aitken
- the public interest
- information obtained from Laurna Joan Aitken's employers

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

I'm satisfied that:

- Lurna Joan Aitken no longer intends to work as a registered midwife,
- the concerns raised about Lurna Joan Aitken's fitness to practise relate solely to her practice as a midwife,
- the allegations against Lurna Joan Aitken 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 Lurna Joan Aitken's name from the midwifery part of the NMC Register

This record of decision will be published for twelve months from the date of the decision, 12 September 2024. In the event that Lurna Joan Aitken seeks readmission to the midwifery part of the Register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.

Lurna Joan Aitken remains on the NMC Register as a Registered Nurse – Adult Nursing, at the time of making the decision.