

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Agreed Removal Decision

Registrant: Sharon Patricia Stanford

PIN: 76E1271E

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

Relevant Location: Warwickshire

On 8 December 2020 we received a referral raising a concern about Sharon Patricia Stanford's fitness to practise. It's alleged that Sharon Patricia Stanford didn't respond appropriately to concerns about a resident who was suspected of choking, by not taking clinical observations or escalating the concern and not assessing the resident for a risk of aspiration. It's also alleged that Sharon Patricia Stanford subsequently indicated that she wouldn't and didn't immediately respond to a request to assess the resident, that there were several failures to appropriately complete the necessary records and that suction equipment hadn't been routinely checked prior to the incident.

Sharon Patricia Stanford has confirmed that she accepts most of the concerns that have been raised.

We investigated the issue and the matter was referred to our Fitness to Practise Committee. No allegation against Sharon Patricia Stanford has yet been found substantively proved by one of our statutory committees. On 12 February 2024 we received an application from Sharon Patricia Stanford 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 because:

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

- the application for agreed removal
- the reasons for the decision to refer the case to the Fitness to Practise Committee

- the fact that the concern about the way Sharon Patricia Stanford responded to a request to assess the resident was isolated and she's accepted that her fitness to practise is impaired
- the interests of Sharon Patricia Stanford
- the public interest

We sought to contact the person that made the allegation against Sharon Patricia Stanford for their comments on the application for agreed removal. They indicated that they had no comments to make.

I'm satisfied that:

- Sharon Patricia Stanford no longer intends to work as a registered nurse
- the allegations against Sharon Patricia Stanford 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 Sharon Patricia Stanford's name from the NMC Register.

This record of decision will be published for twelve months from the date of the decision, 29 February 2024. In the event that Sharon Patricia Stanford seeks readmission to the Register, we may consider the matters that led to this agreed removal further.