

Our latest information about nursing and midwifery in the UK

April 2020 – March 2021



We are the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).



We keep the list of all the nurses and midwives who can work in the UK.



We also keep the list of all the nursing associates who can work in England.



Midwives help deliver babies.



Nursing associates are health staff who work in nursing teams in England.



This list is called a register.

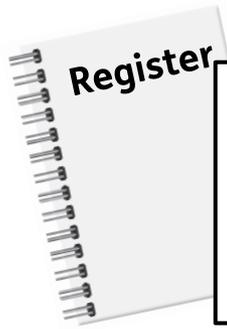


Every 6 months we look at the information on our register and write a paper about it.

Between April 2020 and March 2021:



The number of nurses, midwives and nursing associates on our register grew by just over 15,000.



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In total there are now almost 732,000 people on our register.



9 in 10 are nurses. 1 in 20 are midwives and 1 in 200 are nursing associates. 1 in 100 are both nurses and midwives.



The number of people who come from the UK went up by over 8,000. There are now just over 600,000 nurses, midwives and nursing associates from the UK.



The number of people on our register who come from Europe went down again.



There are now just over 30,000 people from Europe. That is 1,054 less than last year.



The number of people on our register who come from outside Europe went up a lot. There are now over 92,000 people from outside Europe.



That is almost 8,000 more than last year.



The number of learning disability nurses went down by 51.



We now have 375 less learning disability nurses than we did in March 2017.



11 out of 100 nurses, midwives and nursing associates are men.



89 out of 100 are women.

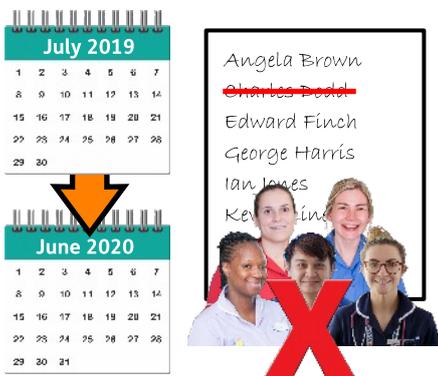


Why did some people leave our register?

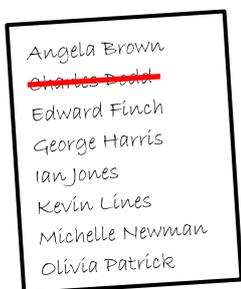
You have to be on our register to work as a nurse or midwife in the UK or a nursing associate in England.



If you leave our register, you cannot do these jobs.



From July 2019 to June 2020 over 21,000 people left our register.



We asked some people why they left.



Over 5,600 people told us.



Just over half said they left because they retired. This was the most common reason.



The second reason was that something in their life had changed. Just over 1 in 4 said this.



The third reason was 'too much pressure'. This could mean they felt stressed or their work had led to poor mental health. Just under 1 in 4 said this.



The reasons people gave us were different for different groups.



6 out of 10 people from the UK said they were retiring. We think this is because they are older.



8 out of 10 people from Europe said they left our register because they were leaving the UK.



Almost half of the people from other countries outside Europe also said they were leaving the UK.



People who worked in midwifery or mental health more often said 'too much pressure' was their reason for leaving.

Covid-19 temporary register



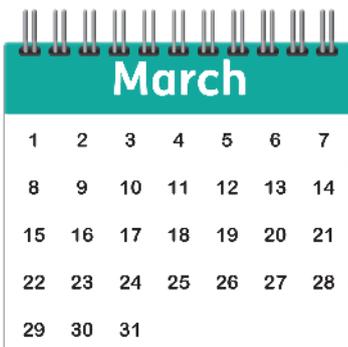
We set up a new register to help during Covid-19. This is separate from our main register.



We asked nurses and midwives who had left **our main register** in the last 5 years to join.



We also asked some people from overseas to join.



These numbers are from March 2021.



There are over 15,000 people on the Covid-19 register:

Over 14,000 are nurses



Just over 900 are midwives



Just over 180 are both.



More than 13,000 are women.



Over 1,600 are men.



Over 14,000 are from the UK, most are from England.



Just over 240 are from Europe



More than 280 are from outside Europe.

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