
Spotlight on Nursing and Midwifery: Underpinning research

In '[Spotlight on Nursing and Midwifery 2025](#)', we share insights drawn from data we hold, external research literature, and key pieces of further research that we have undertaken. This includes:

1. A survey of professionals on our register

- A survey of 842,460 professionals on our register as of 14 March 2025.
- We received 37,961 responses – a response rate of around 5%.
- More information about the participants can be found [here](#).

2. Linking NMC revalidation data with external sources of data

- Linking information professionals told us about organisations they were currently working in during revalidation between 2022-23 and 2024-25 with data published by the Care Quality Commission through its publicly accessible application programming interface (API) and publicly available information about health and care organisations in Northern Ireland.

3. Analysis of NMC data

This includes:

- Analysing CBT and OSCE test data for internationally educated people applying to join our register between 2019-20 and 2024-25.
- Analysing the number and type of applications we've received for certificates of current professional status (CCPS) between 2018-19 and 2024-25.
- Analysing information professionals told us about their current practice as a nurse, midwife or nursing associate during revalidation between 2022-23 and 2024-25.

4. A survey of internationally educated applicants in the process of joining our register

- A survey of a random sample of 6,092 people who had passed their Computer Based Test (CBT) in the past two years but not yet passed their Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). The survey was sent out in May and June 2025.
- We received 1,022 responses – a response rate of 17%.