

Report on EU nurses and midwives May 2017

Nurses and midwives on our register

As at the end of May 2017, there are 687,509 nurses and midwives on the NMC register. Based on where they trained:

- 582,628 (84.7%) from the UK
- 37,442 (5.4%) from the EU/EEA
- 67,439 (9.8%) from outside the EU/EEA

Overall the number of EU trained nurses and midwives on our register has grown steadily since April 2010, but has declined slightly since September 2016.

Month	Number of EU trained nurses and midwives on our register at end of month	Year-on-year change
March 2010	10,244	-
March 2011	12,298	+20%
March 2012	14,493	+17.8%
March 2013	16,798	+15.9%
March 2014	20,916	+24.5%
March 2015	27,012	+29.1%
March 2016	34,572	+28%
March 2017	38,024	+9.9%

EU trained nurses and midwives joining the register

The number of EU trained nurses and midwives joining the register for the first time (Initial Registrations) has dropped steeply since July 2016.

There may be a number of factors influencing this including:

- the introduction of new language controls for EU trained nurses and midwives*
- the impact of Brexit

- changes to where organisations are choosing to recruit nurses and midwives from. For example, anecdotally, we are aware that some employers are choosing to recruit from countries outside the EU.

*Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (MRPQ) language controls came into force in January 2016. Any applicants who had started the application process had until July 2016 to complete under the old process before their cases were migrated to the new one.

Month	EU trained nurses and midwives joining the register for the first time	Month-on-month change
April 2016	1,154	-
May 2016	1,116	-3.3%
June 2016	988	-11.5%
July 2016	1,304	+32%
August 2016	761	-41.6%
September 2016	344	-54.8%
October 2016	213	-38.1%
November 2016	157	-26.3%
December 2016	101	-35.7%
January 2017	91	-9.9%
February 2017	70	-23%
March 2017	82	+17.1%
April 2017	46	-43.9%
May 2017	85	+84.7%

EU trained nurses and midwives leaving the register

The number of EU trained nurses leaving the register has increased since July 2016.

Month	Number of EU trained nurses and midwives leaving the register	% of EU trained nurses and midwives leaving the register (% of all EU registrants)
April 2016	211	0.59%
May 2016	184	0.5%
June 2016	177	0.47%
July 2016	257	0.67%
August 2016	278	0.72%
September 2016	224	0.57%
October 2016	256	0.66%
November 2016	329	0.85%
December 2016	318	0.82%
January 2017	291	0.76%
February 2017	334	0.86%
March 2017	316	0.83%
April 2017	406	1.07%
May 2017	372	0.99%

We must treat this information with a little caution, particularly the data for the last six months. Some nurses and midwives who left the register who lapsed may still be readmitting or planning to readmit soon to the register, and as such these numbers may come down a little over the next couple of months.