
Our latest information about nursing and midwifery in the UK

April 2022 to March 2023



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.



Nurses give care to help people who have health problems and help them stay well.



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 2022 and March 2023:

The number of nurses, midwives and nursing associates on our register grew by just over 30,300.



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In total there are over 788,000 people on our register.



Just over 731,000 are nurses. Nearly 42,000 are midwives. Just over 9,300 are nursing associates and just over 6,500 are both nurses and midwives.



The number of people who come from the UK went up by just over 8,500. There are now just over 624,000 nurses, midwives and nursing associates from the UK.



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



There are just over 28,000 people from Europe. That is 780 less than last year.



The number of people on our register who come from outside Europe went up a lot. There are now over 136,000 people from outside Europe.



That is just over 22,500 more than last year.



The number of learning disability nurses went down by 113.



We now have 322 less learning disability nurses than we did in March 2018.



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



89 out of 100 are women.

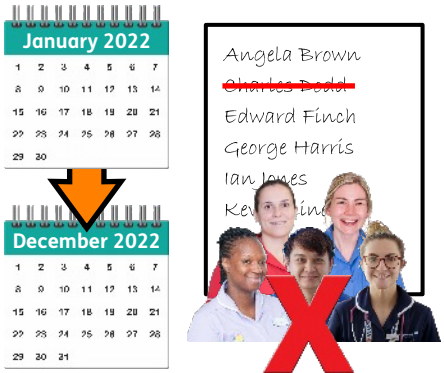
Why did some people leave our register?



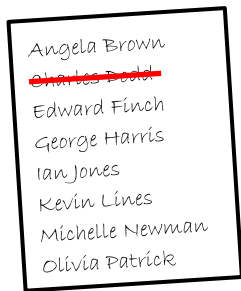
You have to be on our register to work as a nurse or midwife in the UK or a nursing associate in England.



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



From January 2022 to December 2022 over 26,000 people left our register.



We asked some people why they left.



Over 7,200 people told us.



The reason most left was because they retired. This was the most common reason.



The second reason was because of physical and mental health problems.



The third reason was because people got too tired and were burned out.



Just over half left sooner than they had planned.



Over 8 out of 10 people said they would never work as nurses or midwives again.



The reasons people gave us were different for different groups.



Almost 5 out of 10 people from the UK said they were retiring. We think this is because they are older.



Almost 6 out of 10 people from Europe said they left our register because they were leaving the UK.



3 out of 10 people from other countries said they left our register because they were leaving the UK.

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 2023.



There are almost 2,000 people on the Covid-19 register:

Just over 1,800 are nurses.



Just over 130 are midwives.



35 are both.



9 out of 10 are women.



Over 8 out of 100 are men.



Almost 1,900 are from the UK.



Just over 1,500 are from England.



Just over 60 are from Northern Ireland.



Just over 230 are from Scotland.



Just over 90 are from Wales.



22 are from Europe.



26 are from outside Europe.

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