

# Our latest information about nursing and midwifery in the UK

April 2021 – March 2022



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 2021 and March 2022:**

The number of nurses, midwives and nursing associates on our register grew by nearly 26,500.



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In total there are just over 758,000 people on our register.



Nearly 705,000 are nurses. Just over 40,000 are midwives. Nearly 7,000 are nursing associates and nearly 7,000 are both nurses and midwives.



The number of people who come from the UK went up by just over 6,500. There are now nearly 616,000 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 almost 29,000 people from Europe. That is almost 1,500 less than last year.



The number of people on our register who come from outside Europe went up a lot. There are now over 113,000 people from outside Europe.



That is just over 21,000 more than last year.



The number of learning disability nurses went down by 175.



We now have 221 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?



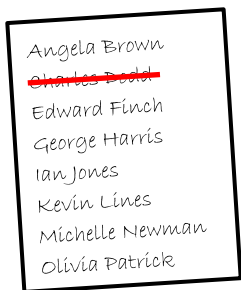
You have to be on our register to work as a nurse or midwife in the UK or a nursing associate in England.



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



From January 2021 to December 2021 over 22,500 people left our register.



We asked some people why they left.



Over 6,400 people told us.



Almost 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 5 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.





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



Almost 7 out of 10 people from Europe said they left our register because they were leaving the UK.



Over 14 in 100 people from other countries outside Europe said they left because of Covid-19.



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

# Covid-19 temporary register

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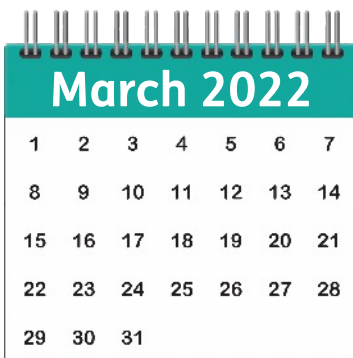
We set up a new register to help during Covid-19. This is separate from our main register.



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 2022.



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

Just under 14,000 are nurses.



Almost 1000 are midwives.



Nearly 200 are both.



More than 13,000 are women.



Over 1,500 are men.



Over 14,000 are from the UK.



Over 11,000 are from England.



Just over 350 are from Northern Ireland.



Over 1,700 are from Scotland.



Just over 600 are from Wales.



260 are from Europe



270 are from outside Europe.

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