



# What our latest information tells us about nursing and midwifery in the UK

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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.

This is called a **register**.



**Midwives** help deliver babies.



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



Every 6 months we look at the information we have and write a paper about it.

### In the last 6 months:



The number of nurses, midwives and nursing associates on our register grew by just over 8,000



In total there are now more than 700,000 people on our register.



660,213 of these are nurses.



37,255 are midwives.



1,488 are nursing associates.



There are now more than 77,000 people on our register who come from outside Europe.



That's 4,000 more than 6 months ago.



The number of nurses, midwives and nursing associates who come from Europe went down again, this time by just over 1,000 people.



In total there are now nearly 32,000 people on our register who come from Europe.



The number of people who come from the UK went up by just over 5,000.



In total there are now nearly 600,000 nurses, midwives and nursing associates who come from the UK.



The number of learning disability nurses went up by 21.



But we have around 1,000 less learning disability nurses now than we did 5 years ago.



We keep a note of the ages of people on our register.



The group that is getting bigger the most is people between 61 and 65.

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