

Our latest information about nursing and midwifery in the UK

April 2020 – September 2020



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 list is called a register.



Every 6 months we look at the information on our register and write a paper about it.



Midwives help deliver babies.



Nursing associates are health staff who work in England.

Between 1 April 2020 and 30 September 2020:



The number of nurses, midwives and nursing associates on our register went up by nearly 8,000.



In total there are now more than 725,000 people on our register.



9 out of 10 are nurses. 1 out of 19 are midwives and 1 in 270 are nursing associates. 1 in 100 are both nurses and midwives.



The number of people who come from the UK went up by just over 7,000.



There are now just over 607,000 nurses, midwives and nursing associates from the UK.



The number of people on our register who come from Europe went down by nearly 500.



There are now just over 31,000 people from Europe.



The number of people on the register who come from outside Europe went up to nearly 86,000.



Of those people, 4 in 10 came from the Philippines and nearly 1 in 3 from India.



The number of learning disability nurses went up by 315.



3 in 4 people on our register said they are white.



Nearly 1 in 10 are Asian.



Nearly 1 in 10 are Black.



1 in 50 are mixed race.



9 in 10 people are women.



1 in 10 are men.



Over 4,000 said their gender has changed.

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 in the last 5 years to join.



We also asked some people from overseas to join.



These numbers are from 30 September 2020.



There are nearly 13,000 people on the Covid-19 register:

Nearly 12,000 nurses



Just over 750 midwives



And 135 who are both.



Everyone is from the UK, most are from England.

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