

YouGov / Royal College of Nursing Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 23rd - 24th June 2022

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Thinking about current NHS staffing levels, do you think the NHS currently has too many, too few or about the right number of nurses?

Too many	2	2	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1
About right	7	11	2	3	4	10	8	5	5	5	8	8	7	6	11	5	6	7
Too few	79	73	93	86	87	76	75	83	64	80	81	82	80	78	72	83	78	79
Don't know	13	14	5	10	8	12	14	12	29	12	10	10	12	14	15	12	14	13

Of the following spending priorities within the NHS, which three, if any, do you think should be prioritised the most?

Please select up to three.

Training more nurses	56	61	59	55	59	59	57	55	37	54	59	64	56	55	49	57	58	56
Training more doctors	45	50	45	50	47	46	44	45	32	40	48	57	45	44	33	47	44	48
Increasing nurses' pay	43	32	59	50	53	36	41	44	42	45	42	40	44	41	51	44	37	41
Opening new NHS dental practices	31	36	29	29	30	36	28	34	17	26	37	40	31	31	18	33	26	39
Opening new GP practices	27	32	20	23	23	33	26	28	16	27	31	27	26	29	17	31	25	28
Training more paramedics	22	22	22	25	23	21	20	24	19	23	24	19	21	22	24	22	25	19
Investing in new medical equipment	16	16	14	13	15	16	15	16	17	18	13	15	17	14	21	15	11	17
Building more hospitals	15	18	10	12	11	18	20	11	13	15	16	16	14	16	14	17	11	15
Increasing doctors' pay	7	3	12	13	10	4	7	8	14	8	6	4	7	8	10	6	9	7
Other	4	5	5	3	4	4	3	4	1	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	3	3
None of these	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	1	1
Don't know	7	4	5	4	5	4	7	6	17	8	3	3	6	7	12	5	10	4

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Imagine you had a loved one, or friend, receiving treatment in an NHS hospital. How confident, if at all, would you be that the care and treatment they receive would be of a good standard?

Very confident	12	15	14	11	11	16	14	11	8	10	12	20	12	13	10	13	10	15
Quite confident	55	57	63	52	63	54	56	55	48	56	60	54	58	52	52	59	58	50
TOTAL CONFIDENT	67	72	77	63	74	70	70	66	56	66	72	74	70	65	62	72	68	65
Not very confident	19	17	13	26	17	19	15	22	16	21	18	17	20	18	21	17	18	20
Not at all confident	7	8	7	4	5	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	8	7	6	7	9
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	26	25	20	30	22	26	22	29	23	28	24	24	26	26	28	23	25	29
Don't know	7	3	3	6	4	3	8	5	21	6	4	3	5	9	10	5	8	6

And what makes you concerned about the standard of care available in NHS hospitals?
Please select up to three.

[Asked to those who said they would not be confident that the care and treatment a loved one, or friend, would receive at an NHS hospital would be of a good standard; n=393]

Waiting times	65	65	67	64	67	66	63	66	50	70	65	60	61	70	71	61	61	68
There not being enough nurses to provide adequate care	52	52	59	41	61	49	45	57	28	60	51	47	56	46	44	57	47	53
Shortage of beds	44	36	50	52	49	41	38	48	49	43	43	42	39	51	39	45	40	47
There not being enough doctors to provide adequate care	43	50	42	40	50	43	41	45	19	47	40	49	45	41	38	47	36	45
The staff available not having the right skills	23	23	17	30	19	27	28	20	30	15	29	33	27	18	36	21	18	23
Inadequate training or inexperience of clinical staff	17	18	13	23	19	18	14	19	11	15	17	24	22	11	20	17	22	13
Lack of treatment facilities available (e.g. X-ray machines, operating theatres)	13	11	15	12	14	10	13	13	11	12	15	15	14	12	16	20	11	5
Other	7	14	2	6	4	13	9	6	0	6	10	9	8	5	0	10	6	8
None of these	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	2	0	1	2	2	1	2	1
Don't know	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1

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To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose a pay rise for nurses in the UK?

Strongly support	53	38	77	56	65	46	50	56	50	52	55	54	54	52	54	56	44	54
Tend to support	33	47	18	39	29	40	34	33	17	35	34	37	35	31	31	33	41	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	86	85	95	95	94	86	84	89	67	87	89	91	89	83	85	89	85	83
Tend to oppose	5	7	0	3	2	6	5	4	6	4	5	4	4	6	5	5	4	5
Strongly oppose	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	6	2	2	1	2	2	4	1	3	2
TOTAL OPPOSE	7	8	2	4	3	8	7	5	12	6	7	5	6	8	9	6	7	7
Don't know	7	6	3	1	3	6	8	6	21	7	4	3	6	9	6	5	8	10

And by how much do you think nurses' pay should be raised?

[Asked to those who would support a pay rise for nurses in the UK; n=1309]

Less than 1%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-2%	4	8	1	1	2	6	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	1	4	6	4
3-4%	16	23	9	19	16	19	15	17	12	15	17	19	18	13	17	16	17	14
5-6%	20	25	14	23	19	25	21	19	12	19	23	22	21	19	19	19	25	19
7-8%	11	9	12	12	11	10	14	8	7	11	14	9	10	12	13	12	9	10
9-10%	17	14	26	16	20	15	18	16	18	16	19	16	19	14	18	16	15	20
11-15%	7	3	11	7	10	4	7	7	8	8	6	6	6	8	10	7	3	9
More than 15%	7	3	9	5	7	5	7	7	9	9	5	5	6	8	5	8	4	8
Don't know	18	15	17	17	16	16	14	21	29	18	12	20	15	21	16	19	21	15

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How likely or unlikely are you to support nursing staff taking industrial action for better pay and working conditions and for more nursing staff?

Very likely	23	8	46	21	30	16	23	23	22	26	23	17	23	22	23	21	18	28
Fairly likely	26	18	33	35	31	21	27	25	35	29	22	21	27	25	27	27	27	24
TOTAL LIKELY	49	26	79	56	61	37	50	48	57	55	45	38	50	47	50	48	45	52
Fairly unlikely	17	24	9	20	14	21	15	19	10	15	19	21	18	15	12	20	17	15
Very unlikely	20	38	3	14	14	30	23	18	7	16	25	30	20	21	22	19	24	20
TOTAL UNLIKELY	37	62	12	34	28	51	38	37	17	31	44	51	38	36	34	39	41	35
Don't know	14	12	10	11	11	12	12	16	26	14	11	10	12	17	16	14	14	13