

YouGov / Royal College of Nursing England Survey Results

Sample Size: 1692 UK Adults
Fieldwork: 6th - 8th September 2019

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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about the number of nurses employed by the NHS, which of the following best reflects your view?

	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
There are more than enough nurses to provide safe care to patients	3	5	1	2	1	5	3	2	1	2	4	3	3	3	4	2	2	4	3	5
There are just enough nurses to provide safe care to patients	14	22	8	5	10	20	17	11	17	12	15	14	14	13	10	16	16	10	19	13
There are too few nurses to provide safe care to patients	71	64	83	84	80	66	67	75	59	70	73	77	72	70	74	72	68	72	67	77
Don't know	12	10	8	9	9	10	12	12	23	15	8	7	11	15	12	11	14	14	12	6

There is currently a shortage of tens of thousands of nurses in the UK. Which one, if any, of the following are you most concerned about regarding your or your family's care?

	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
I / they may not get the care that is required when needed	28	24	35	31	32	25	30	23	28	26	31	29	26	19	32	29	28	22	27	
The care might not be of a safe standard	16	15	16	19	19	15	13	19	15	19	16	12	16	16	10	17	17	15	21	15
There may not be enough nurses to help with treatment	14	12	15	13	17	11	17	11	20	15	12	13	15	14	17	12	11	15	20	27
I / they may be treated by staff without the right or enough skills and experience	14	19	12	20	13	17	13	14	5	11	18	19	15	12	18	16	10	13	12	12
Nursing staff might not have the time to give me the sufficient treatment information	9	11	9	8	7	12	10	9	9	9	11	10	9	10	13	8	11	9	7	13
I / they might be discharged too early or too late	4	3	4	3	3	4	3	5	9	2	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	1	6	2
None of these	4	7	1	1	1	6	6	2	5	4	5	4	4	4	6	4	3	6	3	4
Don't know	11	9	8	4	8	10	11	10	15	13	8	7	8	14	13	7	15	13	8	1

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As far as you're aware, do you think the Government does or does not have a legal responsibility to ensure there are enough nursing staff to meet the country's needs?

[Asked only to those living in England; n=1408]

It does have a legal responsibility	67	64	74	70	70	67	63	71	60	68	69	67	69	65	66	68	64	69	0	0
It does not have a legal responsibility	14	20	10	14	14	17	16	11	15	11	14	17	15	11	14	15	16	10	0	0
Don't know	19	16	16	16	17	16	20	18	25	21	16	16	16	23	20	17	20	21	0	0

And, regardless of the current law, do you think the Government should, or should not, have a legal responsibility to ensure there are enough nursing staff to meet the country's needs?

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The Government should have a legal responsibility	80	77	88	91	88	78	77	83	68	79	83	84	83	76	77	83	75	80	0	0
The Government should not have a legal responsibility	8	14	5	5	5	12	11	6	10	7	8	9	9	7	8	8	11	7	0	0
Don't know	12	10	7	5	7	10	12	12	22	13	10	7	9	16	15	9	14	13	0	0

Thinking about the NHS, which one, if any, of the following do you think is the most important area for any additional funding?

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Recruiting more nurses	37	36	42	37	41	38	33	40	29	38	39	37	36	38	35	40	30	37	0	0
Recruiting more doctors	26	32	26	30	26	30	25	27	17	20	28	39	29	22	25	26	26	26	0	0
Widening the access for more drugs and treatments	6	5	5	9	6	6	6	6	6	7	5	5	6	6	7	6	5	6	0	0
Longer opening hours for patients	5	6	4	3	4	7	6	4	4	5	8	4	4	6	3	6	4	5	0	0
Paying for more medical research and development	4	3	3	0	2	4	4	3	8	4	2	2	4	3	3	4	5	3	0	0
Repairing and replacing NHS buildings	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	0	0
Recruiting more paramedics	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	4	3	0	1	2	2	3	1	3	2	0	0
None of these	3	3	3	3	2	3	4	2	5	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	0	0
Don't know	15	11	12	13	14	10	16	15	24	19	13	7	12	20	20	11	20	16	0	0