Northern Ireland
1 April–30 September 2020

The number of **nurses and midwives** in Northern Ireland grew from 25,463 at the beginning of April to **25,932** at the end of September.

In comparison, the number of professionals in Northern Ireland decreased by 43 (-0.2%) during the same period the previous year, April to September 2019.

469 (1.8%)

449 (1.9%)
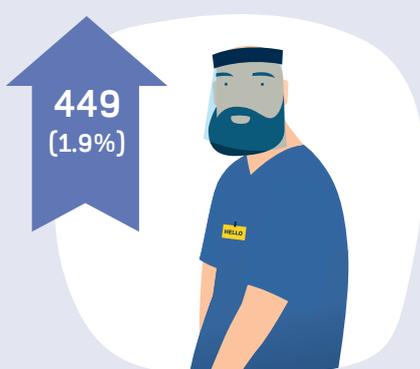
The number of **nurses** on our register in Northern Ireland grew from 23,953 in April to **24,402** in September.

From April to September 2019, the number of nurses decreased by 44 (-0.2%).

4 (0.3%)

The number of **midwives** on our register in Northern Ireland increased from 1,212 in April to **1,216** in September.

From April to September 2019, the number of midwives decreased by 8 (-0.7%).

16 (5.4%)
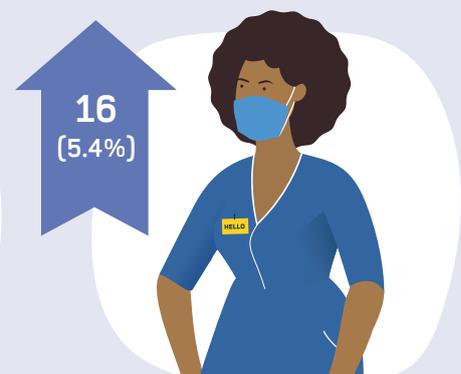
The number of **dual registrants** (people registered as both a nurse and midwife) in Northern Ireland increased from 298 in April to **314** in September.

From April to September 2019, the number of dual registrants increased by 9 (3.1%).

Figure 1

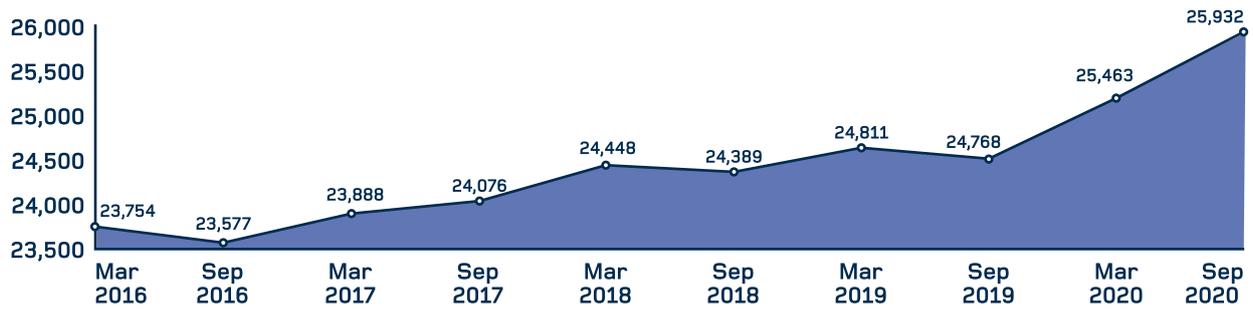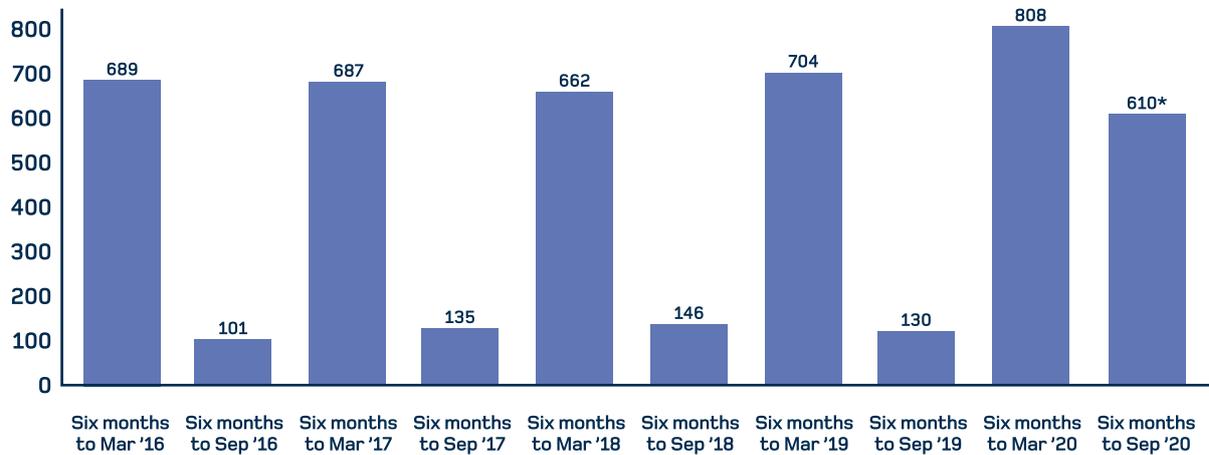## Number of people on the permanent register with an address in Northern Ireland.

Data points: Mar 2016: 23,754 | Sep 2016: 23,577 | Mar 2017: 23,888 | Sep 2017: 24,076 | Mar 2018: 24,448 | Sep 2018: 24,389 | Mar 2019: 24,811 | Sep 2019: 24,768 | Mar 2020: 25,463 | Sep 2020: 25,932

Figure 2

Number of people joining the permanent register for the first time with an address in Northern Ireland.

Six months to Mar '16	Six months to Sep '16	Six months to Mar '17	Six months to Sep '17	Six months to Mar '18	Six months to Sep '18	Six months to Mar '19	Six months to Sep '19	Six months to Mar '20	Six months to Sep '20
689	101	687	135	662	146	704	130	808	610*

* Of the 610 joiners in Northern Ireland in the six months to September 2020, 44 had been on the Covid-19 temporary register.

Figure 3

Number of people leaving the permanent register with an address in Northern Ireland.

Six months to Mar '16	Six months to Sep '16	Six months to Mar '17	Six months to Sep '17	Six months to Mar '18	Six months to Sep '18	Six months to Mar '19	Six months to Sep '19	Six months to Mar '20	Six months to Sep '20
420	395	533	460	447	390	418	364	354	325

The data in this report is based on the registered addresses of the professionals on our register.

Joiners' data doesn't include those re-joining the register having previously left. Also, the overall number on the register is from one point in time, whereas the joiners' and leavers' data are the sum of activity over six months. Therefore, these figures won't add up exactly.

Covid–19 temporary register in Northern Ireland

In March 2020 we established a Covid-19 temporary register to support the UK's response to the coronavirus pandemic.

We invited nurses and midwives who had left our permanent register within the last five years to join. We also invited overseas applicants who had completed all parts of their NMC registration process except their OSCE (objective structured clinical examination).

The data below is taken at 30 September 2020 – the same as the data from our permanent register above in this report. For clarity, data from the Covid-19 temporary register is not included in figures 1–3 above.

Figure 4

Total people on the Covid–19 temporary register with an address in Northern Ireland.

Role	30 September 2020
Nurse	259
Midwife	14
Nurse and midwife	4
Total	277

Between April and September, 44 people in Northern Ireland left the Covid-19 temporary register to join the permanent register.

These numbers don't include people who are already registered with us moving to England, or people returning to the register.

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