

# Placement Gap Data Collection

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In 2020/21 Health Education England is utilising the 'Clinical Professions' COVID-19 Training Data Tool to collect information on any placement shortfall/gap originating due to COVID-19 across the following professions:

- Nursing and Midwifery
- Allied Health Professions
- Healthcare Science
- Other Professions including Physician Associates and Clinical Psychology

Apprenticeships are included in scope and appropriate routes are included in each of the above.

In July 2020 Education Providers were asked to provide information to help HEE understand the placement hours that have been lost (or not undertaken by students in training) due to the pandemic. This has enabled sight of where higher education colleagues require recovery plans and support to help students achieve the placement hours they need to qualify. This data has supported HEE to have informed discussions with Department of Health and Social Care to ensure extended students have access to ongoing financial support. It has also helped bring about additional investment of nearly £16m across England to increase placement capacity through the HEE Clinical Placement Expansion Programme.

The evidence provided indicates that many students were able to complete or progress with the support provided. Our analysis suggests that just under 4,000 nursing, midwifery and allied health profession students had outstanding hours, and from this HEE has been able to provide additional support to systems across England to assist placement catch-up and increase capacity for new starters.

In November 2020, this collection has been refreshed to gather an update on placement hours that are outstanding or capacity that is challenged. This refresh will enable HEE to understand current and future student activity, enable further discussions with regulators and policy makers, and ensure organisations and students are supported to complete/support delivery of training in new ways during these unprecedented circumstances.

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