

NMC launches campaign to track down missing registrants

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) is urging registrants who have moved house to contact the regulator with their new address.

The NMC estimates that up to 40,000 nurses, midwives and health visitors move each year without telling the regulator. This means important post is sent to the wrong address.

The NMC needs up to date addresses so it can send out guidance and advice for nurses and midwives throughout the year plus registration renewal notices every three years.

The NMC will be issuing a circular so the campaign is publicised in NHS hospitals and private care settings.

Registrants who have moved should contact the NMC call centre on 0207 333 9333 or email periodics@nmc-uk.org, quoting their name, PIN number, date of birth, old address and new address.

Adrian Daghorn, NMC Acting Head of Registrations said: "This is a major headache for us. With around 12-15 % of registrants moving house every year we should receive 80,000 address changes. At the moment only around half are doing so. Quite apart from the cost issue and the logistical problems it causes, some registrants actually lapse as a result and cannot work until this is resolved. We are determined to improve our service to registrants but we need their help as well."

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Notes for Editors:

The NMC is the UK regulator for nurses, midwives and health visitors. There are around 650,000 professionals on the register.