

Standing up for patient and public safety

ENGLAND POLICY REPORT



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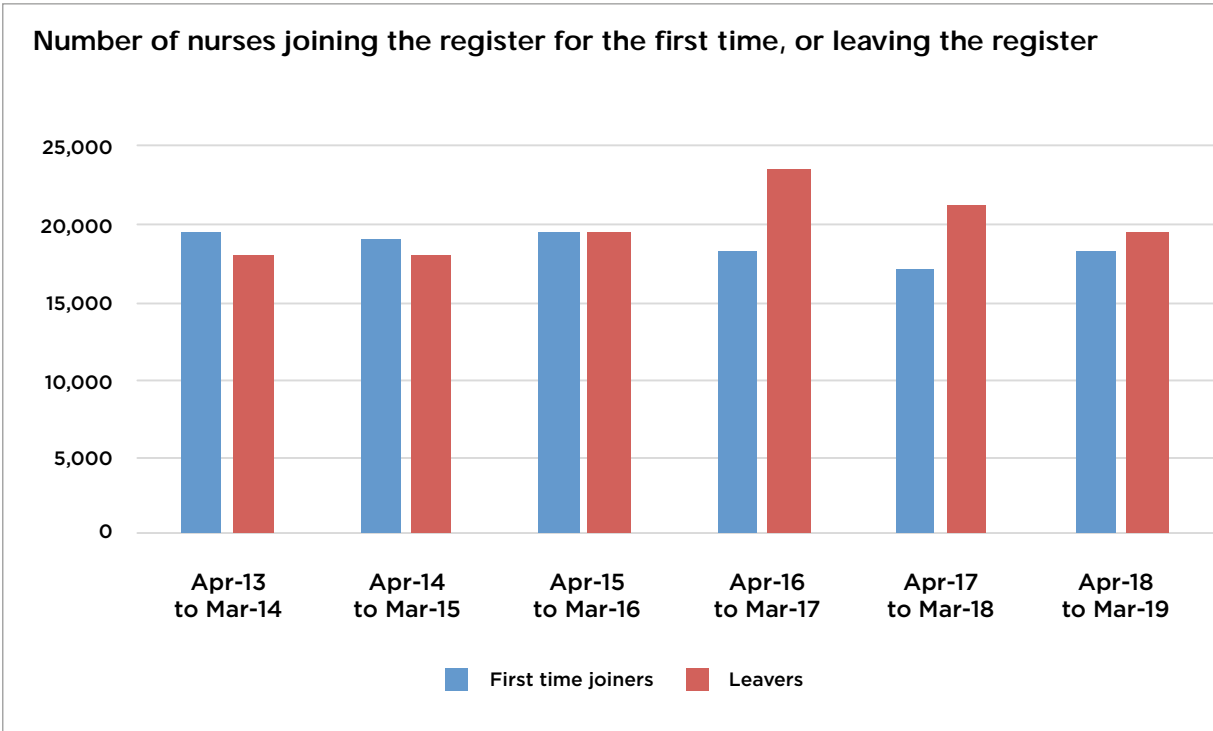
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Number of nurses joining the register for the first time, or leaving the register



Source: NHS Digital, Nursing Register Statistics

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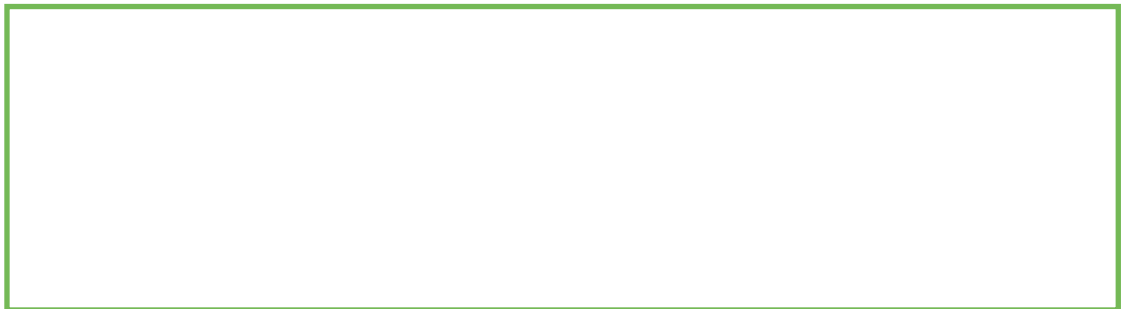
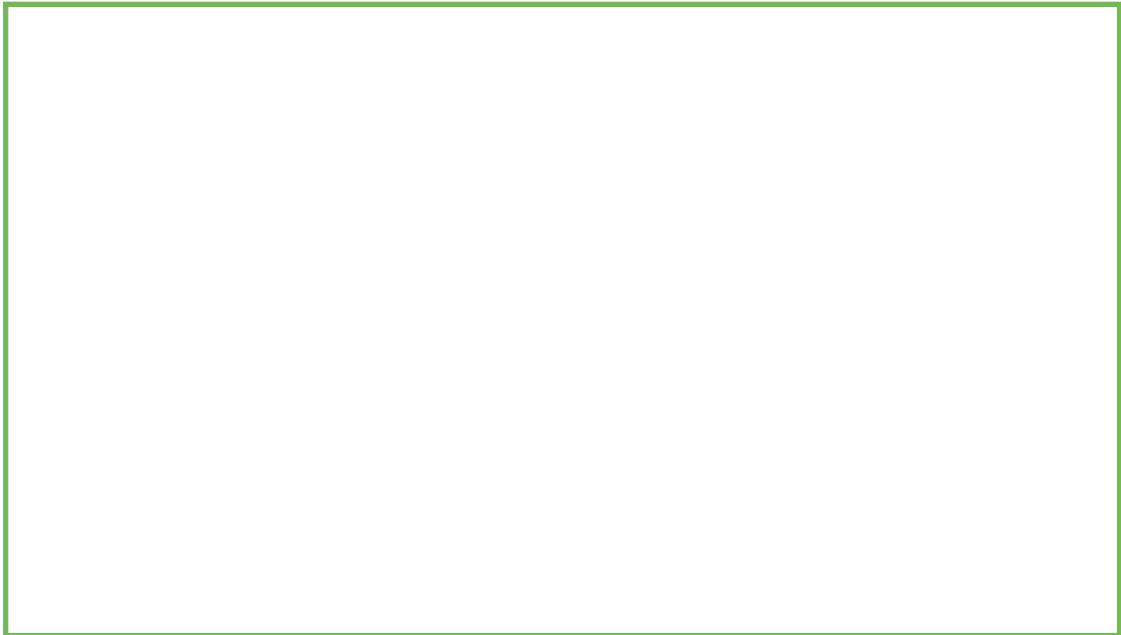
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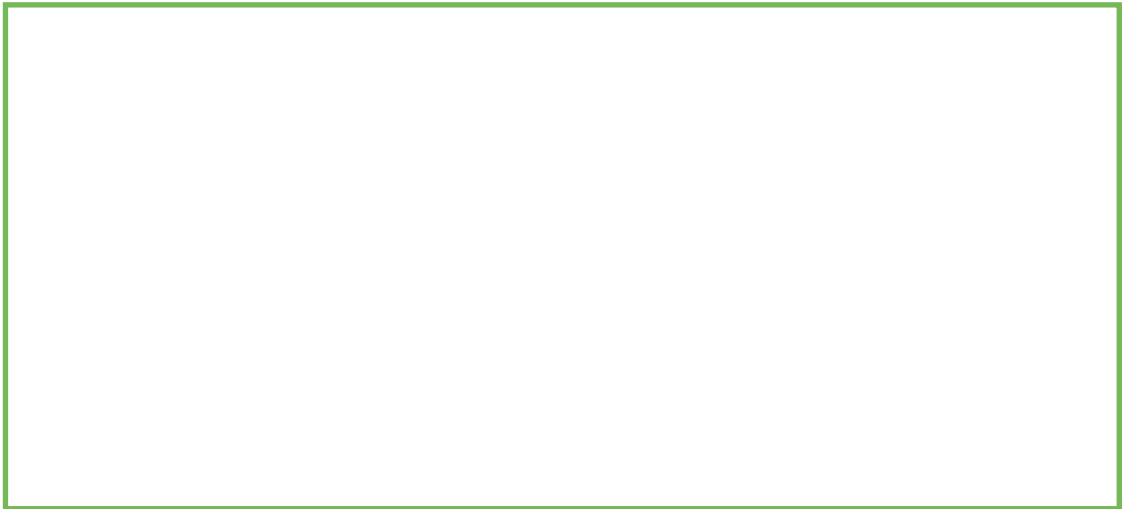
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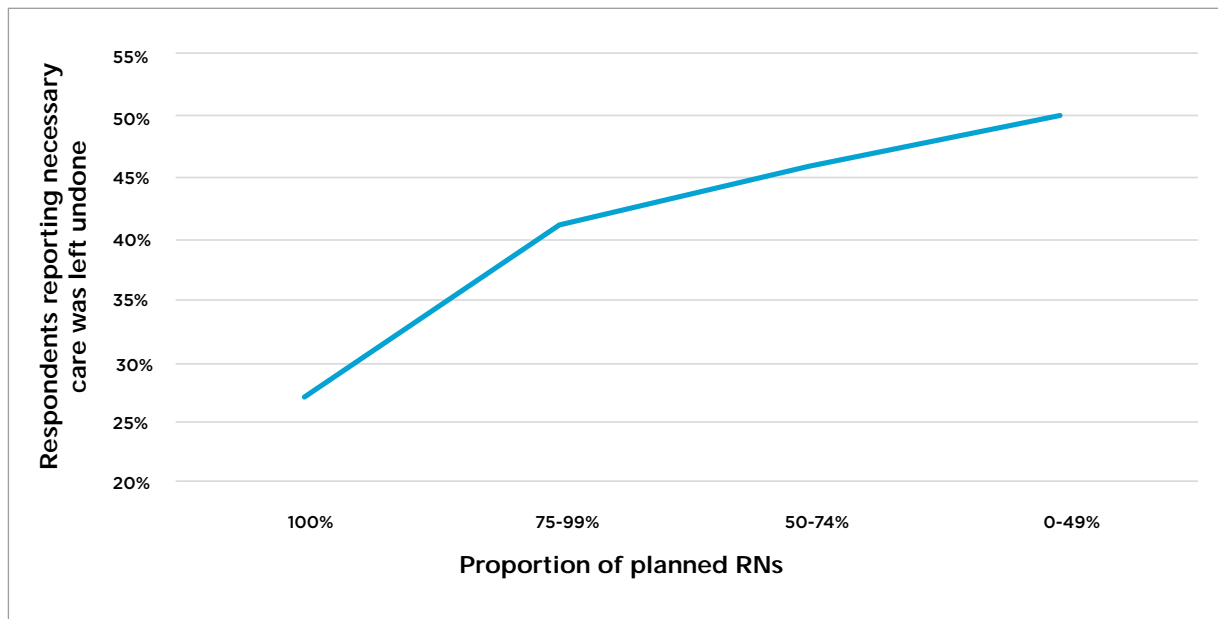
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Poorer quality care is delivered when shifts have fewer registered nurses than planned

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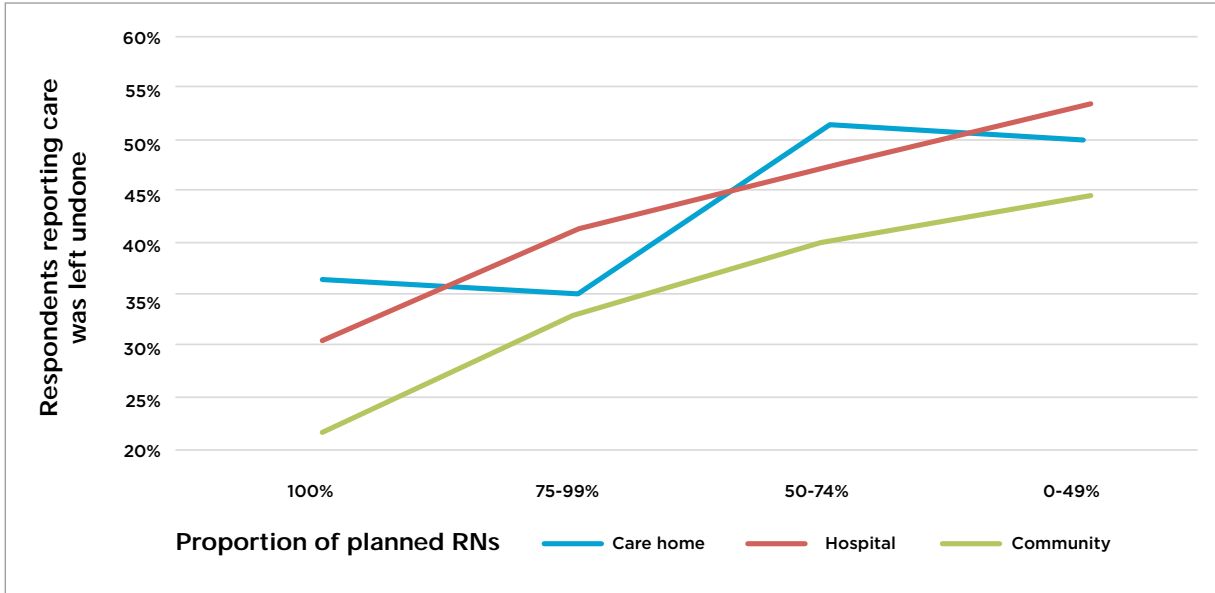
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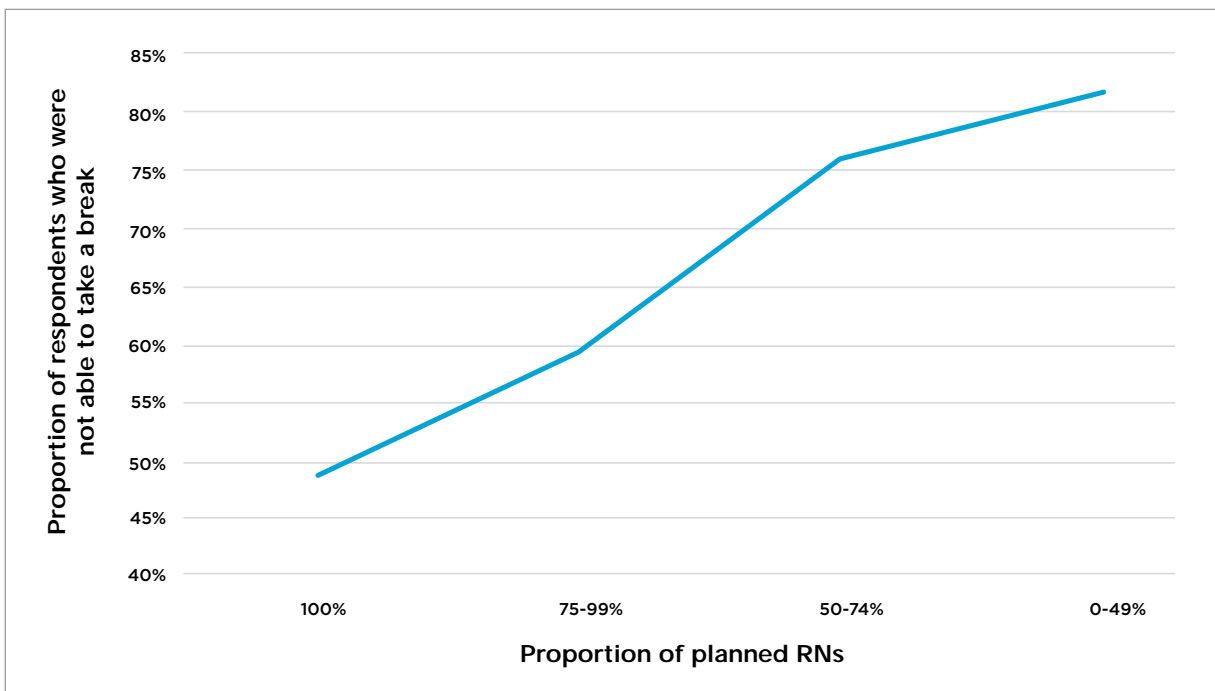
Source: NHS Digital, Staffing for Safe and Effective Care in England: Standing Up for Patient and Public Safety, 2019.

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Nursing staff are missing breaks when shifts have fewer registered nurses than planned

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