



Royal College  
of Nursing

**F**unding for nursing students needs to change.

We need a system which recognises that nursing students are unique, and attracts students into the profession so we have the registered nurses we need in the future.

**U**ntil 2016/17, nursing students in England had their tuition fees paid for in full by the UK Government and received maintenance grants.

Since the removal of the bursary, there has been a 30% drop in applications and the number of students accepted onto undergraduate nursing courses has fallen by 4%.

**N**ow more than ever before, the Government must take action.

With almost 40,000 registered nurse vacancies in the NHS in England, the RCN is calling on Government to invest at least £1bn a year into nursing higher education to attract more people into nursing.

**D**on't underestimate the power of students.

**We are the future of nursing.**

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