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‘You need someone like Jean’

Nursing champion retires

RCN Fellow Baroness Audrey Emerton retired from the House of Lords last month. She was made a life peer in 1997 for her services to nursing and showed great support to the RCN and its members during her time in parliament. In July, alongside Baroness Watkins of Tavistock, she jointly sponsored the RCN’s safe stafýng event where members met with more than 100 MPs and members of the House of Lords urging them to help end the nurse stafýng crisis in England.

RCN Chief Executive & General Secretary Dame Donna Kinnair has been named as one of the top 100 most inþuential Britons on the annual Black Powerlist. The list recognises people of African or African Caribbean heritage in the UK, who have changed lives or are making a huge difference across arts, health, technology, business and science.

Manchester Metropolitan University’s Head of Nursing Professor Laura Serrant also appears on the list alongside Meghan Markle, Stormzy, Idris Elba and Lewis Hamilton.

Seven-year-old Matylda holding her winning design for the RCN's o□cial Christmas card as created at

Gaming companies should fund addiction support

I read with interest people's perspectives on gaming addiction and the NHS (, issue 381, page 7). Addiction needs to be addressed, however, it's important we don't pathologise – treatments need to be psychologically based.

Prevention must be implemented as part of health promotion within schools and the government needs to take responsibility to ensure companies that ýnancially proýt from gaming fund addiction services.

RCN steward Hilary Nelson reflects on the huge impact nursing support workers have had on her career

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The great registration controversy

In 1917, the told its readers to: “Wake Up Slackers!” The ýght for state registration of nursing was underway, and it needed supporters. But before nursing could be registered, it had to be deýned. Was it a medical science? Was it a feminine vocation? There were strong views on both sides. Some resisted registration to preserve their deýnition of nursing.

Two years later, the Nurses Registration Act ýnally became law. So how was the battle won?

Starting a fight

At the Nightingale Training School, established in 1860, the concept of a state register began to be discussed.

Doctors, teachers and other professionals already had state registration, but Florence Nightingale was opposed to it for nurses. She believed nursing was “a calling” for those with particular personal qualities and worried that registration would make it harder for working class women to become nurses.

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POLITICAL PLEDGE DIGEST

Ahead of the general election on 12 December, we've read the manifestos of the main political parties. Here's an outline of what they say, in their words, on nursing and health

Parties appear in alphabetical order

Brexit Party

- Provide continued investment in the NHS and an increase in the number of medical sta□.
- Keep the NHS as a publicly-owned, comprehensive service that is free at the point of use.
- Reject privatisation of the NHS.
- Discuss ring-fencing the NHS budget and the tax revenues that pay for it.

Conservative Party

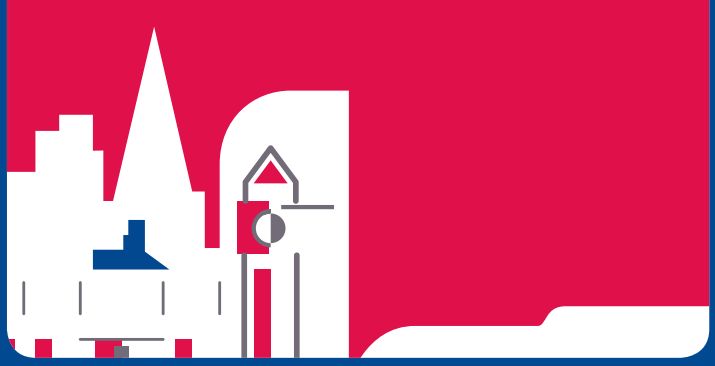
- Deliver 50,000 more nurses.
- Increase NHS funding by 29% between 2018 and 2023.
- Build and fund 40 new hospitals over the next 10 years.
- Provide £1bn extra funding every year for more social care sta□ and better infrastructure, technology and facilities.
- Give nursing students a £5,000-£8,000 annual maintenance grant, which they don't have to pay back.
- Provide more funding for professional training.
- Introduce an NHS visa, providing fast-track entry, reduced fees and dedicated support to qualified nurses from overseas.
- Provide free hospital car parking for sta□ working night shifts.

Green Party

- Reinstate the health secretary's duty to provide health care services.
- Create a duty to ensure there are enough nursing sta□ to meet the needs of the population.
- Increase NHS funding by £6bn a year until 2030.
- Invest an extra £1bn a year in nursing higher education, allowing nursing bursaries to be reinstated.
- Roll back privatisation of the NHS, through repealing the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- Focus funding to enable the construction of new community health centres.
- Focus funding to enable major improvements to mental health care, ensuring everyone who needs it can access evidence-based therapies within 28 days.

Labour Party

- Recruit 24,000 extra nurses by investing £1bn in restoring a training bursary.
- Put Agenda for Change terms and conditions into law alongside safe sta□ng limits.
- Reinstate the responsibilities of the secretary of state to provide a comprehensive and universal health care system.
- Increase expenditure across the health sector by an average 4.3% a year.
- Build a national care service for England, providing free personal care to older people.
- Deliver year-on-year above-inflation pay rises for NHS sta□, starting with a 5% pay increase.
- Provide free hospital parking for sta□.
- Provide mental health support for sta□ and tackle harassment, bullying and violence.



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While health and social care are devolved in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, the political parties in each country have taken the opportunity to set out some key health and care commitments in their manifestos.

“Being diagnosed with HIV can be

Taking a tablet every day for the rest of your life is a challenge for most people, but with a mental health problem, this challenge is increased hugely

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Gail Goddard
District and Community Nursing Forum

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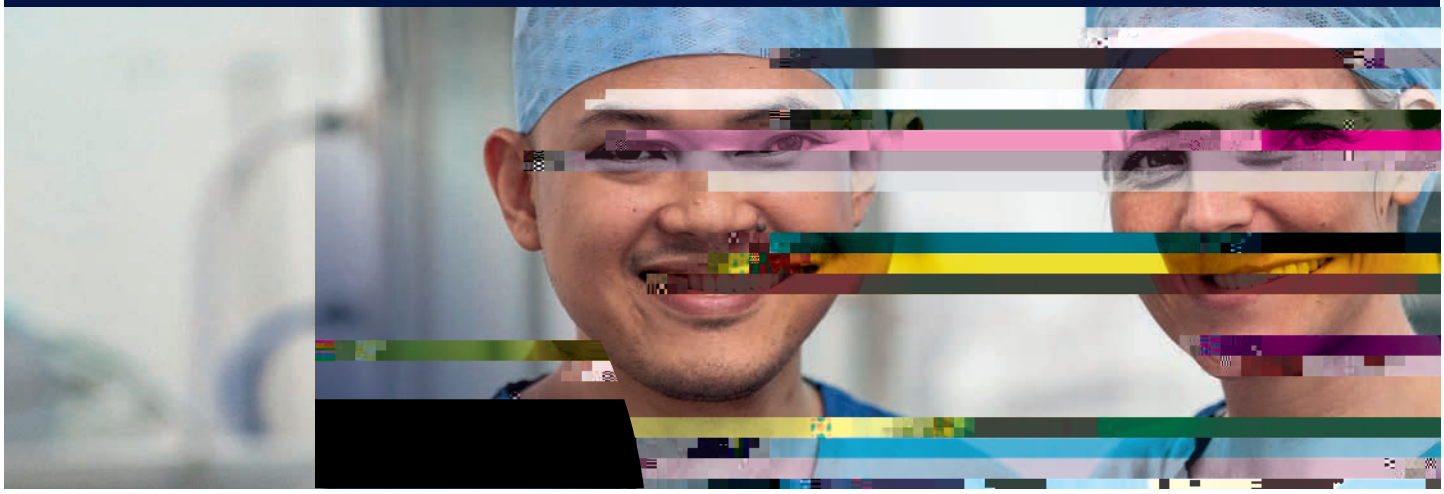

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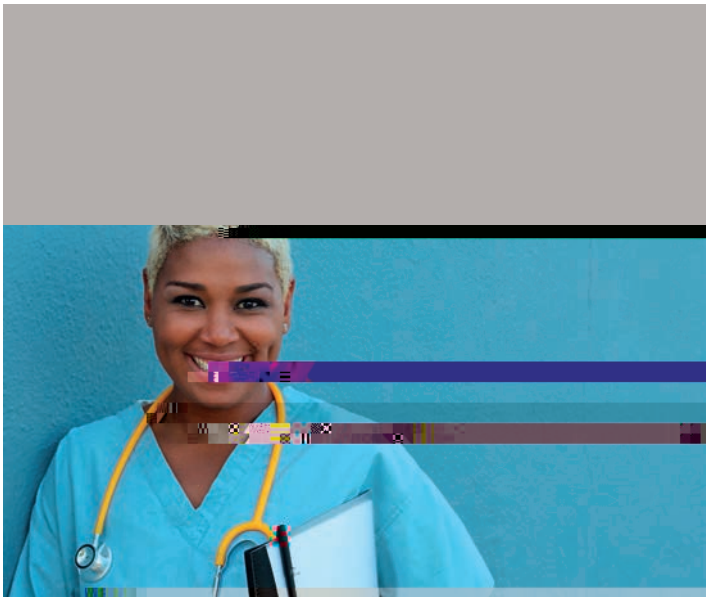

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