

# District and community nursing services in England: a call to action

- More placements for nursing students are required in the community covering health and social care settings. This must be supported with appropriate mentoring and supervision.
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## Improved career pathway

- There should be a clearly defined career pathway for district and community nursing. This will help to improve the appeal of working in the community. Existing misconceptions (such as students having to work for two years in a hospital setting before moving to a job in the community) as well as false perceptions about the nature of community care nursing roles must be addressed.

## IT resources

- It is important that the supply of hardware – which is generally reported as adequate – should be accompanied by strategies to ensure it is used effectively. Examples of good practice, where IT is enhancing mobile working, need to be shared via an effective forum for networking and learning dissemination. Nurses must be given appropriate training.

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