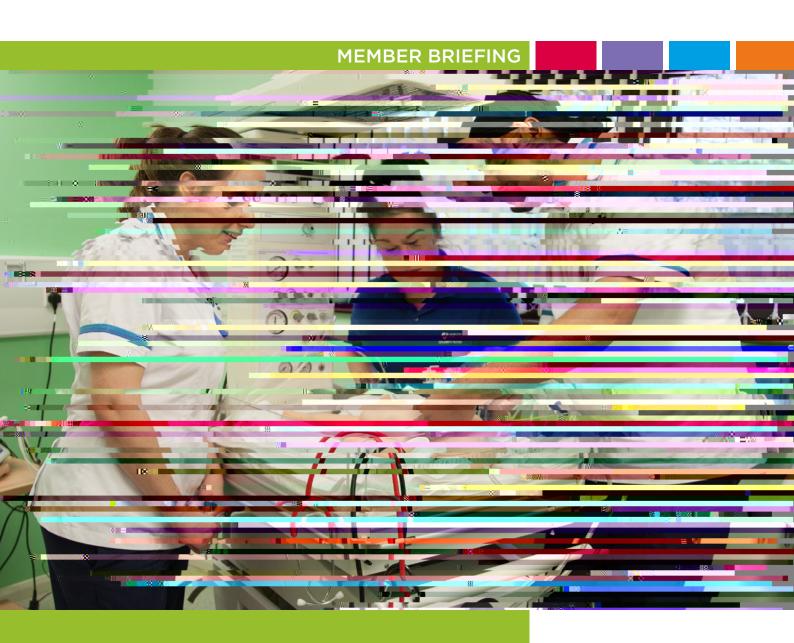


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nursing students through a combination of grants and tuition fee support.<sup>5</sup> These models demonstrate that an investment of at least £1bn per year is required.

The Government's announcement of maintenance support is the first step towards a comprehensive funding package that begins to remove all barriers to studying nursing.

However, as it stands, nursing students will still graduate with at least £28,000 of debt and this will likely put off many who are debt averse.

## It is important that any new funding must:

Be for all current and future undergraduate and postgraduate nursing students regardless of start date or which field they study. Addressing field specific crises must be achieved through measures which compliment a significant increase in th5 [] 5.3 (en) 3.6 (6 (i) 6.9.6 (o 28.5 p1 Tc y] 2.5 (c) (1) 16.6 (b) 5.0 p) 5.2 (c) (c) 1.9 (c) (c) 1.9 (c)

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