

NHS Nursing and Midwifery Bank Staff Return

Consultation

Please note: the NHS Nursing and Midwifery Bank Staff collection and its contribution to the annual Hospital and Community Health Services (HCHS) Non-Medical Workforce Census publication are proposed to be suspended for 2011. This collection, along with many others, is being reviewed as part of the national Fundamental Review of NHS data collections which is expected to be issued for consultation in late August (a link to the consultation will be added here when it is available). The remainder (and bulk) of the HCHS Census publication is unchanged for 2011.

In the short term, the NHS Information Centre (The NHS IC) has also undertaken an internal review of all areas of work. In light of the review and resource constraints, The NHS IC is proposing to suspend this collection and its corresponding publication for 2011, to ensure that we can devote sufficient resources to other areas of workforce information, such as information on workforce numbers and turnover which are of a greater strategic value and greater relevance in the present climate.

In order for us to ensure that our analysis of the priorities is in line with the views of our customers and in line with Official Statistics policies to ensure the views of users are properly considered when significantly changing published statistics, we are running a mini consultation on this change.

The consultation document is available for download [here](#) and should only take a couple of minutes to complete. Please e-mail your completed returns to us with the subject 'Bank Nursing Consultation' to enquiries@ic.nhs.uk by 16th September 2011 to enable us to consider all responses prior to the 2011 collection date.

Following the outcome of the Fundamental Review, we will then consider the future of the NHS Nursing and Midwifery Bank Staff collection in 2012 and beyond. We will keep you informed of the next steps.

You can comment on the above via:

- email: enquiries@ic.nhs.uk