

## Press Release

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# QNI Awards Ceremony celebrates excellence in community nursing

The Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) has launched a new report on the General Practice Nurse (GPN) workforce in London.

The report was launched by Dr Crystal Oldman, Chief Executive of the QNI at the Londonwide Local Medical Committee's annual conference on 20 April.

This new document is based on figures from the QNI's major national survey of GPNs carried out in 2015, published in January 2016. The new report, 'General Practice Nursing in the 21st Century: Report for London' shows that there are a number of differences between the GPN workforce in London and the country as a whole.

Key figures include:

- 27% of GPNs in London have more than one job, compared to 23% nationwide
- 51% of GPNs in London worked evening sessions, compared to 32.6% nationwide
- 19.6% of GPNs in London said that their employer offered placements to nursing students, compared to 27% nationwide

London respondents also reported working more hours per week, more unpaid overtime and greater workload pressures. Furthermore, communication with the District Nursing service was reported to be less effective by respondents in London compared to those from across the UK.

Dr Oldman commented, 'Despite the slightly greater proportion of NMC qualified mentors reported in London, less than a fifth of London respondents said their practice provided placements for pre-registration nursing students, even fewer than for the UK as a whole. This is of particular concern, especially given that more than a third of GPNs in London plan to retire by 2020. Growing the workforce will be challenging without substantive placements, supported by qualified mentors and sign-off mentors in practice.'

'General Practice Nursing in the 21st Century: Report for London' can be downloaded at: [http://www.qni.org.uk/campaigns/general\\_practice\\_nurse\\_survey](http://www.qni.org.uk/campaigns/general_practice_nurse_survey)

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