

## YouGov / Unison Survey Results

Sample Size: 1656 GB Adults  
Fieldwork: 13th - 14th June 2016

	Vote in 2015					Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region				
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>1656</b>	467	388	99	158	802	854	192	707	409	348	944	712	199	550	356	399	152
<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>1656</b>	482	408	115	169	707	949	145	670	451	390	1013	643	171	567	374	383	161
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Currently, student nurses have their tuition fees paid for by the government and receive a means tested bursary to help with their living costs. As part of their studies nursing students have to spend half their course working in a healthcare setting (e.g. a hospital). This is part of the course and isn't paid.

The Government intends that from 1st August 2017 student nurses should be funded in the same way as other degree students. NHS bursaries would be removed and student nurses would have to fund their own training through student loans to be repaid after they earn over £21,000 a year. Students would still be required to do unpaid work in hospitals as part of their course.

Do you think the government should or should not continue to pay the tuition fees for student nurses or would the money be better spent elsewhere?

The government <b>should</b> pay for the training of student nurses	<b>77</b>	72	91	84	75	78	75	79	74	77	81	78	76	80	78	75	75	76
The government <b>should not</b> pay for the training of student nurses	<b>13</b>	19	6	11	15	14	12	12	14	16	9	14	12	11	12	12	15	17
Don't know	<b>10</b>	8	4	5	11	7	13	10	12	7	9	8	13	10	10	13	9	7

Do you think the government should or should not continue to pay student nurses a bursary to help with their living costs or would the money be better spent elsewhere?

The government <b>should</b> pay for the bursaries	<b>72</b>	68	85	75	69	76	67	70	69	73	76	75	67	72	71	71	72	71
The government <b>should not</b> pay for the bursaries	<b>15</b>	22	7	18	15	14	15	10	16	19	10	16	13	11	16	13	15	17
Don't know	<b>14</b>	11	8	6	16	10	17	19	16	8	14	9	20	17	12	16	13	12

Do you think student nurses should be paid for the hours they work in a healthcare setting (e.g. a hospital) while they are studying or would the money be better spent elsewhere?

Student nurses <b>should</b> be paid	<b>71</b>	69	80	71	72	75	67	64	67	73	78	70	72	75	68	67	75	70
Student nurses <b>should not</b> be paid	<b>18</b>	25	13	22	18	16	20	19	21	18	14	21	15	13	20	20	17	21
Don't know	<b>11</b>	6	7	6	10	9	13	17	12	8	8	10	13	12	12	12	9	9

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#### And how much do you think they should be paid?

[Only asked to those who said student nurses should be paid; n=1183]

Only to cover travel costs and expenses	<b>4</b>	4	5	2	3	2	5	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	2	5	4	4
The national living wage (£7.20 per hour if aged 25 or over, £6.70 per hour if aged 21-24, or £5.30 per hour if aged 18-20)	<b>34</b>	37	28	37	37	31	37	44	35	28	33	34	34	40	36	34	30	29
The Living Wage Foundation's living wage (£8.25 an hour or £9.40 an hour in London)	<b>25</b>	28	28	29	21	26	25	22	21	32	27	24	26	25	26	30	20	25
More than the living wage but not as much as qualified graduate nurses	<b>31</b>	28	32	30	30	35	26	23	33	33	28	32	29	26	29	26	37	36
The same as qualified graduate nurses	<b>1</b>	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	1	0
Don't know	<b>6</b>	4	5	2	8	5	7	7	7	2	7	6	6	3	6	5	8	5

#### Which of these comes closest to your view?

Student nurses should fund their own training through student loans that would be repaid after they earn over £21,000 a year	<b>16</b>	23	11	15	23	17	15	14	18	17	12	17	15	12	15	15	20	16
Student nurses should be funded by the government, either through wages for hours worked in hospitals during their course or by paying their tuition fees and giving them a bursary	<b>72</b>	67	83	82	64	75	69	75	68	75	73	73	70	74	74	70	68	72
Don't know	<b>12</b>	10	7	3	13	8	16	11	13	8	15	10	15	13	11	15	11	12