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Nurse pay, overseas registrations... We want to see your reckonings in the 'comments'



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Use 'Comments' to add your thoughts on nurse pay, workforce and other primary care issues [Image: William Iven on Unsplash]

Get involved in our online discussions on nurse pay and workforce

In the past week, many readers have followed and added their comments to our articles on the general practice nurse pay survey and overseas nurse policy developments.

New Zealand Doctor Rata Aotearoa reporters do their best to keep on top of general practice issues and discussion points, so feedback from a wide range of people in the health sector is not just shared with readers, it also helps shape our publication online and in print.

Keep the comments coming! You may find yours end up online and in print in our occasional column, "FROM THE COMMENT STREAM".

Practice nurse pay survey

While sector leaders were divided, our readers were critical of the Te Whatu Ora nurse pay survey.

Commenter **Paula Mathieson** says: “[Te Whatu Ora’s] coercion is unbelievable. I suspect many will fill [the survey] out in fear of losing money, when desperate people do dumb things to solve an immediate problem only to come out much worse off in the end.”

Kiwa Raureti says, [There] is only a point to completing the survey if the Government commits to a positive response...unlike the probably hugely expensive Sapere report that appears to have been completely disregarded... The time has come to make a stand.”

Keith Blayney comments that “the whole thrust of the general practice case is whether the Government wants to support pay parity for practice nurses or not”.

“It is not how much practices are actually paying to keep their nurses,” writes Dr Blayney.

Read discussion on this article here

Nurses coming and going

In the comments on Fiona Cassie's article "Record number of new overseas nurses registered", **Geoffrey Cunningham** says New Zealand will largely be a stepping stone for these overseas nurses to get to Australia. "In the last fortnight I have received a cold call, text and email from Australian recruiters." says Dr Cunningham.

Bryan Moore writes, "We find them, bring them in, train them – only to lose them to secondary care or Australia because we cannot compete with wages and conditions".

Read the other comments here

Death star docs

“Welcome to Death Star Doctors. What can I do for you?”

In response to Jim Vause’s column about Darth Vader visiting his GP, **Bryan Moore** carries on the joke in the comments.

“Chairman Rub Cambelt has left the building,” writes Dr Moore.

Read the rest of the comments section, here

Head over to these stories to leave your opinions and suggestions. And don’t forget to keep up with all the latest comments and discussions about all New Zealand Doctor stories, on the **Comment Stream**. You can always find this using the drop-down menu under Opinion on our home page.

We love hearing what you have to say about all things primary care. You will find the “rules of engagement” in our **Comment Policy**.

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