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The Nursing and Midwifery Council is an organisation set up by Parliament to protect the public by ensuring that nurses and midwives provide high standards of care to their patients and clients.

To achieve its aims, the NMC maintains a register of qualified nurses, midwives and specialist community public health nurses, sets standards for conduct, performance and ethics, provides advice for nurses and midwives, considers allegations of misconduct, lack of competence or unfitness to practise due to ill health.

Registration of midwives in England was introduced by legislation in 1902. The legislation for nurses was dated 1919. Legislation relating to the other UK countries followed later. The register is divided into three parts: Nurses, Midwives, Specialist Community Public health Nurses. Registration is compulsory since 1902.