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NHS bursary for post graduate students

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about the NHS bursary for post graduate nursing students.

I share the concern of many people about the Government's plans to axe nursing bursaries for postgraduate pre-registration nursing students in England. The Government's decision to abolish NHS bursaries has led to a huge fall in the number of students applying for these courses and will make the NHS staffing crisis even worse. Now Ministers are pushing ahead with further bursary cuts in the face of all evidence.

That is why alongside my Labour colleagues I voted in the Commons against cutting bursaries for postgraduate nursing students. By forcing through further cuts and burdening health students with yet more debt the Government have badly failed the next generation of nurses. Labour will continue to fight these regressive cuts to make sure health students can get the support the need.

The critical shortage of nurses in the NHS is a threat to patients across the country. By returning to fully funded training, Labour in government would give nurses the support they need to provide the best possible quality of care to their patients.

Thanks again to all those who contacted me about the NHS bursary for postgraduate nursing students.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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