











## How to secure a meeting

1. : You've already emailed your MP via our platform to seek a virtual meeting. This initial email gives your MP all the information they will need to confirm that you're a constituent

## Your meeting is confirmed!

This is great. Make sure you reply to their email and find a time to meet during our 'Spotlight on Nursing Students' week 7-11 December. It is helpful to know that your MP is

- In September 2020, an additional 4,000 nursing students started their nursing course at university based on the number of nursing students who started their studies in 2019. This highlights the positive impact of recognising health care professionals as key workers and further proves that the reintroduction of the £5,000 training grant (or up to £8,000 in limited circumstances) is necessary and effective in increasing new recruits.
- Imagine the difference that more support could make to ambitious people wanting to join health care but who face the barrier of debt.
- The impact of COVID-19 on nursing education particularly on clinical placements is also a risk. If the government don't act to protect our education, then there may be even fewer graduates in three years, further pushing the workforce into crisis.
- We need the government to fund our future nurses so that we have the staff we need to provide safe and effective care for everyone who needs it.

## Make a noise on social media

Before your meeting:

 Pleased that @[add MP's handle] is meeting me during



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