

Annex 4.4

Context indicators – health and long-term care

Provision of healthcare professionals

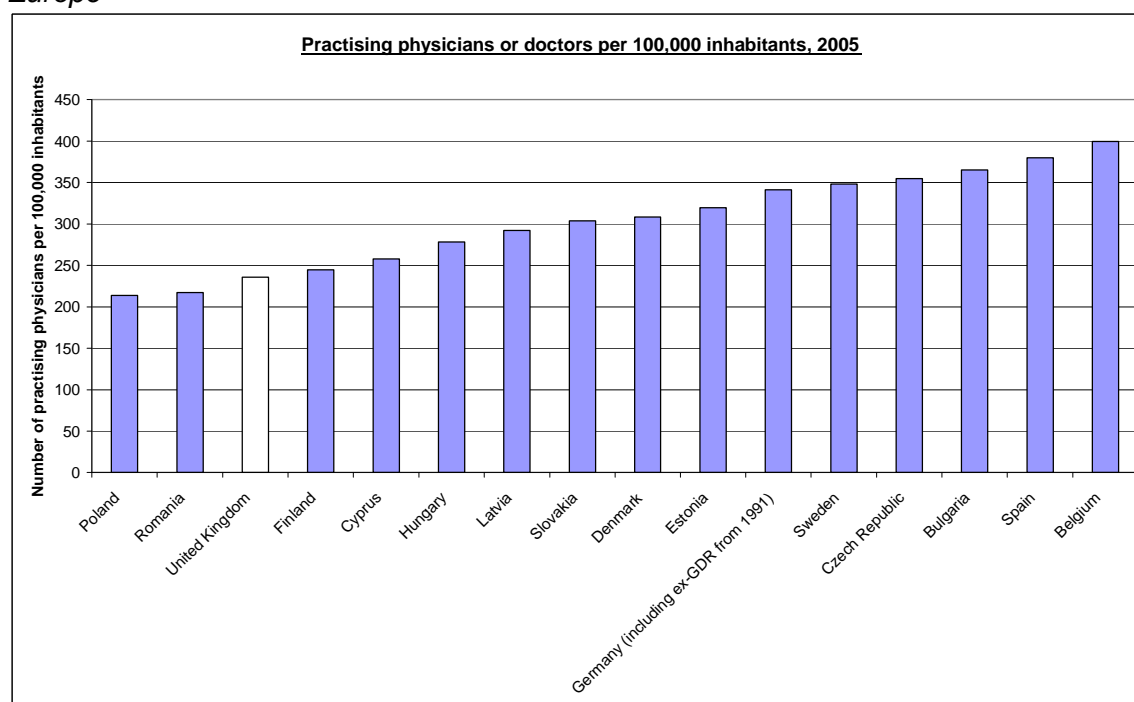
In recent years, there has been a steady increase in the number of healthcare professionals per 100,000 inhabitants. The number of practising physicians per 100,000 inhabitants has increased from 211 to 236 between 2002 and 2005. The number of practising nurses and midwives per 1,000 inhabitants has increased from 11.3 to 11.9 between 2000 and 2006. The UK has one of the lowest rates for practising physicians, but one of the highest rates for practising nurses and midwives.

C1. Physicians

Table C1 – Number of practising physicians or doctors per 100,000 inhabitants, UK

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| UK | 210.6 | 220.0 | 233.6 | 235.6 | 245.3 |

Chart C1 – Number of practising physicians or doctors per 100,000 inhabitants, Europe



Definition: Figures for the UK are based on a headcount and do not include non-practising physicians, retired professionals, or professionals who are working abroad.

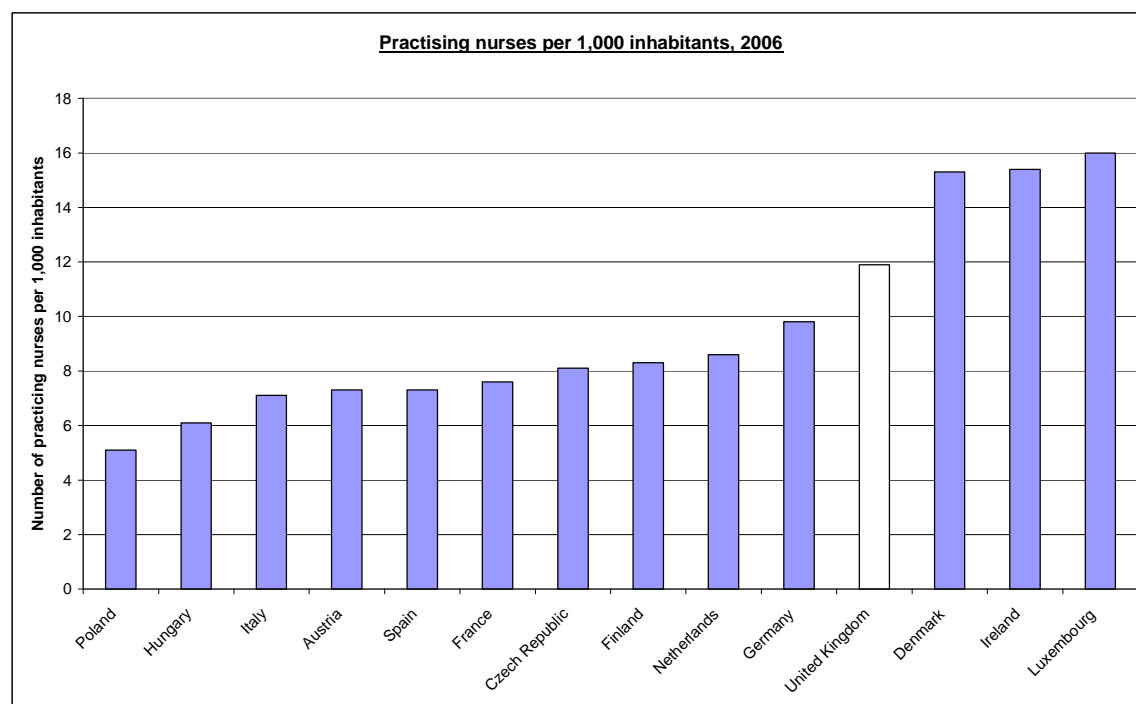
Data source: Eurostat, The Information Centre for health and social care

C2. Nurses and midwives

Table C2 – Practising nurses and midwives per 1,000 population (head counts)

| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| UK | 11.3 | 11.5 | 11.7 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 11.9 |

Chart C2 – Practising nurses and midwives per 1,000 inhabitants, EU



Definitions: A practising nurse or midwife is a person who has completed a programme of basic nursing education and is qualified and authorised in his/her country to practice nursing in all settings. Practising nurses in the UK includes midwives, but does not include non-practising nurses, self-employed or retired professionals

Data source: OECD health data 2008