

# [It is getting harder and harder for ordinary young people to access higher education – Gordon Marsden](#)

**Gordon Marsden MP, Labour's Shadow Universities Minister**, commenting on the University and College Union (UCU) report into student loan repayments, said:

"The Tories have tripled tuition fees, abolished maintenance grants for poorer students and frozen the repayment threshold, hitting graduates on the lowest incomes. This report confirms yet again that the impact has been deeply unfair and it is getting harder and harder for ordinary young people to access higher education.

"It is professions such as nurses and midwives that are being hit the hardest, and if the NHS can't recruit the staff it needs then we will all be worse off as a result.

"The Government needs to decide if they think it is fair that the debt burden should fall so heavily on the very people our society relies so heavily on."