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Are some jobs more important than others?

In the news this week

Nurses in the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) union have voted for the union's first UK-wide strike in its 106-year history. The action will involve RCN members in more than half of hospitals and community teams, but emergency care will not be affected. Pat Cullen, who is the General Secretary of the RCN, has said nurses are getting an unfair deal and that 'members are saying enough is enough'. She also reports that the strike is for patients as well as workers, because staffing shortages are impacting access to healthcare across the UK. Nursing vacancies are at a record high, meaning staff are stretched and regularly working beyond the end of their shifts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you know anyone who works as a nurse or in another role within the NHS? What are some of the things they do as part of their work?
- > Can you think of a job you might enjoy doing when you're older? How does the job impact others and what impact does it have on society?

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