

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING



VISIBLE, ACCESSIBLE & INTEGRATED CARE



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 1st edition of the Community Health Nursing - Visible, Accessible and Integrated Care Newsletter.

We have identified from recent focus group events, that there is a definite desire for staff and stakeholders to be fully engaged and involved in the implementation process.

As a result this Newsletter is being produced to keep everyone up to date on how things are moving ahead in the Development Sites and provide more clarity and detail regarding the Community Health Nursing model as the work in the Programme Board sub groups develops.

We wish to engage as many staff and stakeholders as possible in the process. Through the newsletter and web site (www.scotland.gov.uk/nursing) we will advise you of proposed events locally and nationally which may be supported by the SEHD or our partner organisations in the Programme Board.

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Where are we now ?

The Programme Board has now been established under the chairmanship of Lesley Summerhill (previously Director of Nursing in NHS Tayside). Minutes of the Board meetings are posted on the website.

Sub groups have been established to take forward key pieces of work in terms of evaluation, education, workforce and workload. We will continue to update you on the progress of the groups.

Each of the Development Sites is in the process of preparing for the implementation of the new service model.

Project plans are being developed to scope the programme over the next 2 years.



Many staff have recently participated in workshops held by Quarto advisers, who are independent consultants whose remit is to provide specialist skills relating to change management. The purpose of this exercise was to identify key issues and concerns. Much has been learned from the exercise and will inform the way ahead.

A communication strategy is being developed to ensure full engagement of all stakeholders. Full details will be available on the web within the next few weeks. Susan O'Rourke, National Project Manager, has been appointed and we are in the process of recruiting to the project managers posts in the Development Sites.

Frequently asked Questions (FAQs).

During recent engagement events by SEHD and partner agencies a number of questions, concerns and anxieties have arisen. We hope to respond to all questions and concerns by a number of methods. It may be that you would like a section of FAQs with responses through the newsletter or alternatively you could email us. We would welcome your thoughts on any other ways of responding to you. Please let us know?

Your Ideas!

Your opinions and ideas are key to developing the new model of service. We welcome your thoughts, ideas and urge you to use this opportunity to share good practice.

What is happening over the next few months?

- A scoping exercise is being undertaken by the workforce and workload sub group. The primary care/community care database is being adapted and will provide a tool upon which staffing ratios can be based.
- The Education sub group set up a practitioner workshop on the 12th April to scope the capability framework and another event took place on the 13th of April with the Higher Education Institutes and Board Nurse Directors across Scotland to agree an interim position on current community nursing courses. The NMC are being kept up to date with developments.
- A group led by Professor Barbara Parfitt (GCU), is developing a means by which an evaluation of the new model can be undertaken. This is likely to be a comparative study taking place later this year to establish a baseline and repeated late in 2008.
- We will be working closely with other areas of work being taken forward, in particular child health and e-health.

