

## **Nursing & Midwifery Task Group (NMTG)**

### **May 2017 meeting Summary Communiqué**

#### ***Links to other Transformational Workstreams***

1. Mary Black (PHA) attended the meeting and provided members with an overview of progress to date on the Community Development Approaches work stream.

#### ***NMTG Subgroups***

2. Two of the Task Group's subgroups (workforce and population health) presented papers on their respective proposed outcome, populations and indicators to the group for sign off by the Task Group. Both papers will be presented at the quarterly Central Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Committee (CNMAC – chaired by the Chief Nursing Officer) meeting on Wednesday 7 June for further comments.

#### **Workforce Subgroup** (led by Caroline Lee CEC)

**Outcome:** *'The registered nursing and midwifery workforce has sufficient numbers, is educated, competent and supported to deliver high quality care'*

#### **Headline Indicators:**

- *Scale of workforce is sufficient to meet demand*
- *% of workforce operating within a stable team*
- *% of workforce using evidence based practice*

**Population:** *Registered nursing and midwifery workforce*

#### **Population Health subgroup** (led by Mary Hinds PHA):

**Outcome:** *'We enjoy long, healthy, active lives'*

#### **Headline Indicators:**

- *Healthy Weight*
- *Positive Mental Health & Wellbeing*

#### **Populations:**

- *-9 months to 18 years*
- *18 years to 65 years*
- *65 years +*

Members agreed to set up two further subgroups relating to care, they are:

- *Primary / Community Care* (to be led by Alan Corry-Finn)
- *Acute Care* (to be led by Tanya McCance UU)

The agreed outcome for these subgroups is the Programme for Government health outcome: *'We enjoy long, healthy and active lives'*

Both subgroups will present their draft paper outlining their populations and headline indicators at the NMTG meeting on 31 August 2017. These papers will then be presented to CNMAC on 8 September for final comment.

### **Workshops**

3. Half day workshops for each indicator will be held in both the east and west of N.Ireland with approximately 50 attending each. Up to 20 workshops will take place in September and October 2017. This is to enable front line nurses and midwives to attend given that their rotas are completed 3 months in advance. NMTG are anticipating up to 50% attendance at each workshop from frontline nursing and midwifery staff. This will ensure the recommendations of the final report are coproduced. The purpose of the workshops is to:
  - Identify causes behind the trend data presented;
  - Explore what the contributing factors are re these causes;
  - Identify the role nursing and midwifery can play to improve these trends;
  - Discuss and agree what would work (including a low cost / no cost option)

Dates for the various workshops and nomination forms for staff to identify which they can attend will be issued in early June.

### **NMTG Membership**

4. The Group reviewed its current membership and discussed if additional members were required. Four additional members were identified and will be forwarded to DoH Permanent Secretary for approval in the absence of a Minister.

### **June NMTG meeting**

5. The next meeting is scheduled for 27 June 2017.