

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

### **June 2017 meeting Summary Communiqué**

#### ***NMTG Membership***

1. The Permanent Secretary appointed four new members to join the Group:
  - Carol Cousins                      Director of Four Seasons Health Care
  - Breedagh Hughes                Royal College of Midwifery
  - Eileen McEaney                 Director of Nursing, NHSCT
  - Rodney Morton                  Deputy Chief Nursing Officer

#### ***NMTG Timeline***

2. The Permanent Secretary also extended the timeline for presenting the Group's final report with recommendations to the Health Minister from December 2017 to March 2018. This is to enable staff rota planning to ensure front line nursing and midwifery staff are released to attend a series of Improvement workshops in September and October 2017 to coproduce the recommendations for the final report.

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

3. Two of the Task Group's subgroups (workforce and population health) have agreed their:
  - outcomes and indicators; and
  - dates for their Improvement workshops.

4. ***Primary & Community Care Subgroup (led by Alan Corry-Finn)***

The group met for the first time on 22 June 2017. Their outcome is:  
***'We enjoy long, healthy, active lives'***.

Members are considering potential indicator measures that can monitor how nursing and midwifery specifically can contribute to the primary care and community care.

Data is being reviewed to understand the most common reasons people are attending GP surgeries and Emergency Departments – this will potentially be for Long Term Condition management.



5. ***Acute Care Subgroup (led by Tanya McCance Ulster University):***

The group met for the first time on 23 June 2017. Their outcome is also: ***'We enjoy long, healthy, active lives'***.

Same approach being taken to the Primary and Community Based Care subgroup. Data was available on the most common reasons for hospital admissions at Emergency Departments - identified long term conditions and urological conditions.

If the two subgroups focused on Primary and Community Based Care and Acute Care agree to focus on the same areas – there should be a link between the groups to ensure their work complements rather than duplicates each other. Further discussion is required however to consider how both midwifery and children will be represented in this work.

***Improvement Workshops***

6. Invitations to front line staff to express their interest to attend a half day 'workforce' and / or 'population health' workshops will be issued at the start of July. The following dates for these workshops have been agreed:

- Workforce: 14, 15, 21, 22 September and 3 October
- Population Health: 28 September, 2 and 5 October
- Primary & Community Care: October (dates confirmed in due course)
- Acute Care: October (dates confirmed in due course)

***Next Steps***

7. Over the summer, work will be completed on the following:
- Two meetings scheduled for both the Primary and Community Based Care and Acute Care subgroups to consider the data they have requested. They must agree which headline data they will focus on improving, and agreeing what nursing / midwifery specific sub measures are available to support this.
  - To help inform discussion at the various Improvement workshops, the 4 subgroups will prepare evidence papers on their various areas.
  - These papers will be reviewed by a sample group of front line staff to ensure they are easy to understand;
  - Issue expression of interest nomination forms to front line staff for attendance at the Primary and Community Care and Acute Care workshops
  - Process nominations received for workshops and issue confirmation letters.
  - The next meeting of the NMTG is on 31 August 2017. An update Communique will be issued following this meeting.