

Nursing and Midwifery Students on placement during Coronavirus (COVID-19)

You have received this information leaflet because you are providing, or are considering providing, a practice learning environment for student nurses/midwives within your organisation. This leaflet has been prepared with university staff and students to answer some of your queries and identify how you can support students.

The following steps have been taken by university staff and students to reduce the spread of infection and protect those individuals who access your service.

As a student:

- ✓ I have accessed specific training on:
 - the infection prevention and control procedures
 - the use of personal protective equipment including donning, doffing and disposal and the use of risk assessed eye protection
 - understanding Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the broad range of symptoms.

- ✓ I will practise under supervision in line with the regional infection prevention and control guidance including:
 - hand hygiene and sanitisation
 - social distancing when appropriate
 - following the most up to date infection control precautions
 - compliance with environmental cleanliness
 - participate in regional testing programme
 - staying up to date with the latest government advice on Coronavirus (COVID-19).

- ✓ I have been informed that I may be required to care for patients with COVID-19.
- ✓ If I develop symptoms of COVID-19 I will stay at home, contact you and my university and arrange to be tested as per PHA guidance.

As a university we will:

- ✓ ensure that every student has a personal health risk assessment completed
- ✓ liaise with the student where an organisation wishes to carry out testing prior to commencement of the placement¹
- ✓ inform students of specific actions to be taken if they experience symptom of COVID-19 as per PHA guidance.

As an organisation you can support a student by:

- ✓ providing the student with a full induction at the beginning of the practice learning experience
- ✓ observing the student demonstrate safe practice in donning, doffing and disposal of PPE
- ✓ including the student in the care home testing programme
- ✓ assuring those who access your service that students receive the same high standard of education and training as your own workforce.

¹ Where the student does not consent to testing, then they will not be able to attend the placement