

## **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 placement<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ 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.

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