

Senior Nursing and Midwifery Community of Practice (CoP) hears from Dr Sam Donohue, NMC

Nursing and midwifery staff from across HSC met recently at the Senior Nursing and Midwifery CoP organised by NIPEC. Dr Sam Donohue from the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), shared an overview of her doctoral research exploring professional enjoyment in nursing and the factors that enhance and diminish enjoyment. The attendees appreciated hearing about the research findings and engaged in insightful and stimulating discussions. Sam's key points resonated with the CoP participants and many shared their own experience of the issues. The session was kindly hosted by the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.

Commenting on the event, Linda Kelly, Chief Executive of NIPEC said

“We were delighted to have Sam with us to share her research findings. The main themes align closely with issues that the Senior Nursing and Midwifery CoP has been identifying and discussing. We will be looking at how, we as senior leaders in nursing and midwifery, can influence and progress some of the key themes regionally.”

Sam is Assistant Director for the national and regional outreach service, Nursing and Midwifery Council. Sam qualified as a registered nurse in 1993 after studying a four-year BSc in Nursing and Human Sciences at St Bartholomew's Hospital and City, University of London. She worked clinically in renal and vascular surgery in London, Sydney, Manchester and Oxford before moving into the education sector (higher and further education). She has specialised in developing new roles and pathways into nursing. This included assistant practitioners and cadet programmes as well as being the Health Education England national lead for the development of the nursing associate role and the nurse apprenticeship pathway. She became Deputy Chief Nurse at Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in 2019 and had the privilege of supporting the Chief Nurse and teams through those challenging times.