

What is Future Nurses Future Midwife (FNFM)?

In May 2018 the NMC published ambitious [new education standards](#) to shape the future of nursing and midwifery for future generations. The Chief Nursing Officer, Charlotte McArdle, has asked NIPEC to lead a programme of work to support the DoH in its oversight to introduce the new standards.

The new standards and proficiencies raise the ambition in terms of what's expected of a nurse and midwife¹ at the point of registration and will give nurses and midwives the knowledge and skills they need to deliver excellent care across a range of settings now and in the future - for the benefit of people, families and communities.

The new standards are timely and will complement the transformation agenda set by strategic policy and direction described within Delivering Together 2026

Does it Affect Me/My Organisation?

The new standards will commence from September 2020 and will have significant implications for **nurses and midwives**, including:

- Employers of nurses and midwives
- Providers of nursing and midwifery Education
- Student nurses and midwives (current and new)
- People who support students in practice

How do I Keep Updated?

Regular information with updates and links will be circulated to stakeholders and interested persons. If you would like to be included in FNFM communications and updates please send an email to Lheanna.kent@nipec.hscni.net

Updated information will also be centrally located on NIPEC's [FNFM Website](#) and shared regularly via NIPEC's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

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¹ To note, the Midwifery standards are due to be released for consultation in spring 2019 and will published thereafter

Context for Change

- ✓ Health and care landscapes are changing rapidly
- ✓ Increased care provided by integrated care teams
- ✓ Growing focus on person centred care closer to home
- ✓ Nurses and midwives taking on additional responsibilities
- ✓ Increased use of technology
- ✓ Nurses and midwives working across a range of setting

Am I Represented on FNFM?

There is a wide range of representation across FNFM. The FNFM programme structure and membership/representation for the Programme Board, Working Group and five Work Streams are all provided [here](#).

In addition, sub-groups, workshops and events are organised as relevant to each work stream. Work streams are particularly focused on:

- development of a regional Practice Assessment Document
- new arrangements for student Supervision and Assessment in practice
- maximising practice placement opportunities
- Engagement and supervision
- Supporting curriculum development