

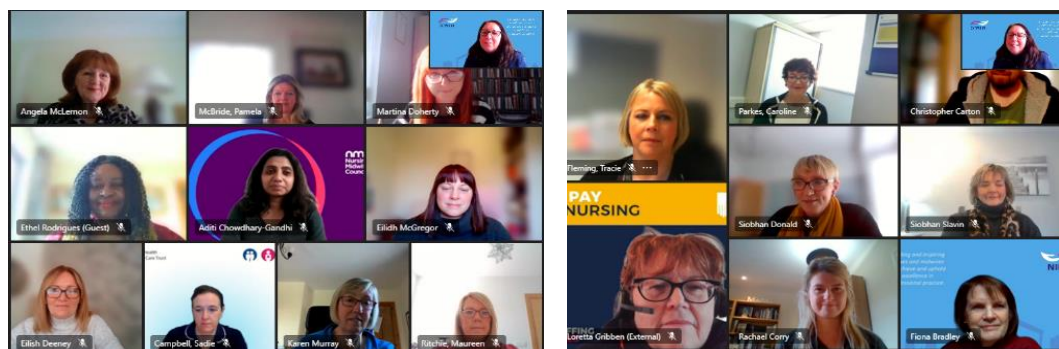
## Northern Ireland Implementation of the NMC Post-registration Standards for Community Nursing Specialist Practice Qualifications (CNSPQ) & Specialist Community Public Health Nurses (SCPHN) Communique (October, 2023)

Welcome to your third Communique providing information and updates on the regional implementation of the new NMC post-registration standards of proficiency for CNSPQ and SCPHN (2022). (Access the Standards [Here](#)).

NIPEC is leading on a regional programme of work in partnership with the Department of Health (DoH) and key stakeholders to ensure that future CNSPQ and SCPHN education programmes are aligned to the new NMC post-registration standards for commencement in September 2024.

### Update on this work

Since this project began in January 2023 there have been four meetings of the Post-registration Standards Steering Group and five meetings of the Post-registration Standards Collaborative.



Post-registration Standards representatives at Steering Group meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

Following the outcomes from the rapid review of Non-Medical Prescribing (NMP) in HSC Trusts (2018-2023) in May, the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) approved the addition of the NMP (V300) programme into the new Community Nursing Specialist Practice Qualification (CNSPQ) programmes and the non-community SPQ's programmes (where appropriate), from September 2024. The NMP (V300) will not, however be integrated into the new Specialist Community Public Health Nurse (SCPHN) programmes.

The Collaborative have also held a number of Task and Finish Group meetings to discuss and agree on the different work strands within the project Work Plan. All decisions from these meetings have been presented to the Steering Group for approval and include:

- A regional standardised approach to the recruitment and selection processes within HSC Trusts for entry onto the SCPHN and CNSPQ programmes
- Regional agreement on the number of practice hours required by CNSPQ and SCPHN students
- Development of key principles for practice supervisors and practice assessors preparation programmes to support CNSPQ and SCPHN student learning and assessment

- Updating of the NI. Standards for Student Supervision and Assessment (SSSA) Model and Guide
- Agreed processes to support non-NHS, self-employed or self-funded applicants for entry onto an NMC approved CNSPQ and SCPHN programme.

A number of stakeholder events with practice partners and service users relating to the new CNSPQ and SCPHN standards and proficiencies have also been held by Ulster University.

The Collaborative now aims to implement a communication and engagement strategy to ensure that the staff within HSC Trusts, as practice learning partners, are fully informed and prepared to respond to and implement the new standards into education and practice from September 2024.

Information on this work can be accessed on the NIPEC website [Here](#)

### Update from the NMC

There are also **NMC drop-in sessions** on the new CNSPQ or SCPHN standards.

Join a session on any of the dates listed below using the Teams links.

Dates	Time	Teams link
13th October	12:00-13:00	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
16th October	12:00-13:00	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
27th October	12:00-13:00	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
31st October	12:00-13:00	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
7th November	12:00-13:00	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
24th November	12:00-13:00	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
5th December	12:00-13:00	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>

You can also access the NMC's Frequently Asked Questions page relating to CNSPQ and SCPHN [Here](#)

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