

Northern Ireland Post-Registration Standards Collaborative

Terms of Reference

In July 2022 the NMC published new post-registration standards:

- Standards of proficiency for specialist community public health nurses (SCPHN)
- Standards of proficiency for community nursing specialist practice qualifications (SPQs)
- Standards for post-registration programmes

The updated proficiencies and programme standards reflect the changing landscape and ambition for public health and the care and treatment of people in the community. The standards are evidence-based and are designed to ensure that people can access highly skilled, specialist support and care, close to home.

The Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) commissioned NIPEC to lead on the effective implementation of these standards in collaboration with Department of Health (DoH) and key stakeholders in Northern Ireland by September 2024.

NIPEC has established a Post-registration Standards Steering Group jointly chaired by the Chief Executive of NIPEC and the Deputy CNO (DoH) to oversee and support the processes and structures to cohesively embed the outworking's of the new NMC post-registration standards into education and practice.

To support the implementation of the new standards the Steering Group has agreed to establish a Post-registration Standards Collaborative which will take forward programmes of work as determined by the Steering Group to ensure readiness for September 2024.

Aim

The Post-registration Standards Collaborative will work in partnership with the Approved Education Institutions (AEIs) and practice partners to ensure standardised, regional implementation of the NMC Post-registration standards (2022) by September 2024.

Objectives

The Post-registration Standards Collaborative will:

- Produce a work plan and agree processes and timescales for delivery of the project outputs
- Work in partnership with stakeholders to establish effective communication systems through a range of appropriate methods and formats which support the regional implementation of the NMC Post-registration Standards (2022)
- Ensure that there are regionally agreed systems, processes, procedures and outputs are in place to support the implementation of the new post-registration standards from September 2024



- Report progress and escalate any unresolved issues to the Post-registration Standards Steering Group

Operational Approach

The Post-registration Standards Collaborative will establish time-limited task and finish groups to undertake specific programmes of work, set up regional events where necessary or invite other appropriate stakeholders to contribute to the work of the Collaborative. This will be agreed and communicated via the Co-chairs.

Frequency of meetings

- The Post-registration Standards Collaborative will meet regularly to achieve the outputs of the workplan and chairing arrangements will alternate between the Co-Chairs subject to their availability.
- A quorum of 50% of members must be present for a Post-registration Standards Collaborative meeting to proceed.
- Members who are unable to attend should nominate a colleague with appropriate decision-making authority to attend on their behalf as required.

Responsibility of the Members of the Collaborative

- All members (see Appendix 1.) will have responsibility for:
 - Actively engaging and representing the views of their organisation/stakeholder group to the Collaborative
 - Undertaking elements of work as determined by the Collaborative
 - Communicating outputs of work back to their organisation/stakeholder group
 - Effectively implementing the Post-registration Standards within their respective organisation/stakeholder group



Appendix 1.

Membership of the Post-registration Standards Collaborative

Sharon Burnside (Co-chair)	Head of N&M Education & Workforce, SHSCT
Diane Lyttle (Co -chair)	Lecturer in Nursing, UU
Eilish Boyle	Associate Professional Officer, NIPEC
Fiona Bradley	Senior Professional Officer, NIPEC
Sadie Campbell	Consultant, Nurse, District Nursing, NHSCT
Carol Chambers	Practice Education Coordinator, BHSCT
Carol Cousins	Kathryn Homes, Independent Care
Martina Doherty	Nurse Education Consultant, CEC
Mairead Donnelly	Head of Service for Public Health Nursing, SHSCT
Lesley Dornan	Lecturer in Nursing, UU
Donna Gallagher / Una St Ledger	Professional Lead Nursing / Staff Tutor, Nursing and HSW, OU
Catherine Gavin	Academic Lead for Quality Assurance, UU
Gillian Henry	Practice Education Coordinator, SHSCT
Lisa King	Lecturer in Nursing, UU
Sheila Kinoulyty	Nurse Consultant Workforce, Education & Professional Governance, PHA
Wendy Mallon	Lecturer in Nursing, Ulster University
Pamela McBride	Lead for Health Visiting & School Nursing, NHSCT
Anne McCaffrey	Community Children's Nursing Specialist Practice, BHSCT
Cathy McCusker	Senior Professional Officer, NIPEC
Tracy McGilligan	Practice Education Coordinator, WHSCT
Louise McMahan	Mental Health Consultant Nurse, WHSCT
Patricia McNeilly	Nursing Officer (Education & Regulation), DoH
Sonya McVeigh	Practice Education Coordinator, SEHSCT
Barry Quinn	Adult Lead MSc Professional Nursing, QUB
Marian Robertson	Eastern Federation GP Support Unit
Elaine Robinson	Nurse Education Advisor, NMC
Ethel Rodrigues	Lead Professional Officer (Education) & Ireland, UNITE
Elaine Smyth	Head of Occupational Health & Staff Wellbeing, SEHSCT
Barbara Tate	Consultant Nurse, Learning Disability Nursing SEHSCT
Carly Thompson	Practice Education Coordinator, NHSCT
Hilary Thompson	Lecturer in Nursing, Ulster University
Anne Trotter	Assistant Director Education & Standards, NMC
Pauline Wilson	Consultant Public Health Nurse, SEHSCT