

**NORTHERN IRELAND PRACTICE AND EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR NURSING
AND MIDWIFERY (NIPEC)**

DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR NURSES AND MIDWIVES

**NOTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PROJECT GROUP HELD ON FRIDAY
10TH OCTOBER 2003 AT 2.00PM**

NIPEC
Centre House

Present

Paddie Blaney (Chair)
Michaela Barr
Geraldine Connolly
Margaret Devlin
Kay Kane
Julie McConville
Luke McSorley
Jackie Parkes
Brendan McGrath

In attendance: E Blaney

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Pat McGreevy, Therese McKernan, Lesley Barrowman and Tanya McCance.

2. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting and invited them to introduce themselves and give a brief account of their professional background.

3. Background to the Development Framework – Presentation – Miss P Blaney

Chair gave a presentation on the background to the Development Framework. She added that the Development Framework should be generic enough to be



- applicable to all professions within Northern Ireland and ultimately for professionals outside Northern Ireland.
4. Project Outline – Brendan McGrath

Copies of the Project Outline paper had been previously circulated to Project Group members. Brendan McGrath then talked the members through the main sections of the paper. A discussion followed.

5. Discussion

During the discussion some members expressed that they would like to get access to literature as background reading. It was agreed that a restricted area could be set up on the NIPEC web-site with a password for Project Group members to be able to access references. The possibility of establishing hyperlinks to substantial papers is also to be explored.

Members observed that the Project Group was quite small and enquired as to how it would manage the work. Chair suggested that the Project Group may split into Working Groups of 3-4 people chaired by a Senior Professional Officer and facilitated by the Project Manager.

6. Work Plan

Paddie Blaney presented the Work Plan for the Development Framework. Some concerns were expressed about the timescale. Some members considered the work plan to be very ambitious but were challenged and excited by the project and hoped to make a valuable contribution. Some members reflected that it would be a learning training experience for them.

The Project Group acknowledged the work ongoing within the Royal Group of Hospitals in relation to the REACH Project and felt that a presentation on this work may be helpful. It was agreed that Mrs Margaret Devlin would do a presentation at the January 2004 meeting of the Project Group.

7. Programme for Project Group Residential Event – December 2003

Copies of the programme for the above were tabled and the objectives for the event were briefly considered. Paddie Blaney added the Project Group would undertake some business aspects on the afternoon of the 2nd day including taking the opportunity to complete a Values Clarification Exercise.

8. Schedule of dates for future meetings



A schedule of proposed dates was tabled. Brendan McGrath highlighted the dates that the Project Board were scheduled to meet in the afternoon and suggested that an opportunity would exist for Project Board and Project Group members to meet over lunch. He also highlighted dates that the NIPEC Council meetings were scheduled and suggested that Project Group members could arrange to observe the Council meeting as a member of the public.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Personal Details proforma

Members were reminded to complete and return the personal details form within their packs.

9.2 Discussion Paper

Members were given a copy of the Discussion Paper on the Development Framework as background reading. They were advised that comments were welcomed or clarification could be sought from Brendan McGrath. Contact details were confirmed.

9.3 Project Logo

Members were directed to the logo for the Development Framework Project on the agenda for today's meeting and advised that this image would now be associated with all communication relating to the project.

