

**NORTHERN IRELAND PRACTICE AND EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR
NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

TNA NURSE PRESCRIBING PROJECT

Notes of 2nd Meeting of the Steering Group Monday 8th January 2007

Present

Hazel Baird (Chair)	Siobhan Donaghy	Marie Glackin
Lesley Barrowman (Project Lead)	Allison Hume	Susan Semple
Bob Brown	Gillian Plant	Angela McLernon
Oriel Brown	Sally Magee	Rosario Baxter
Siobhan Jackson	Carolyn Kerr (for Bronagh Scott)	

Apologies

Paddie Blaney	Anne-Marie Marley
Andrea Gladstone	Eileen O'Rourke
Catriona Campbell	Carolyn Mason
Alice McQuaide	Anita Glenn

In Attendance

Lorraine Andrews, NIPEC

1. Welcome and apologies

Hazel Baird welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies as above.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 10th October 2006

The minutes of the first meeting, which had been previously circulated to members, were agreed as a correct record.

3. Remit of Steering Group

The amended Terms of Reference, which had been previously circulated to members were agreed.

4. Questionnaire Analysis

LB advised that following the last meeting and as agreed by the Steering Group members a draft questionnaire had been forwarded to the Steering Group members for their comments and also to the steering group members who had agreed to participate with a pilot test of the draft questionnaire. The majority of responses indicated that they were happy with the format of the questionnaire and specific comments were incorporated into the amended questionnaire. A closed questionnaire had been suggested but following discussions with the CE of NIPEC, Paddie Blaney, it was decided to go ahead

with the questionnaire, as the purpose of the questionnaire was to get as much feedback as possible from the nurse prescribers.

The Nurse Prescribing Advisors had kindly given the details of all Lead Prescribers within the Trusts and Boards. NIPEC made contact with the Lead Prescribers asking them for contact details of all Nurse Prescribers within their organisation in order that NIPEC could form a database for selection of the agreed sample. This information proved difficult to obtain, as a few of the organisations were unable to furnish this information. NIPEC proceeded to sample the questionnaire from the responses received with the objective to obtain a good geographical spread.

The sample was as follows:

- Community Practitioner Nurse Prescribers – 30%
- Independent and Supplementary Nurse Prescribers – 60%
- All Prescribing Leads

Sally Magee voiced concern that organisations were unable to forward information regarding employees who had completed this programme.

A draft Report of Questionnaire Analysis was tabled at the meeting and LB gave a verbal report to Steering Group members. The verbal report included details of the response rates and highlighting some of the information that had been received.

The response received were as follows:

- 98 questionnaires were issued to Health Visitor community nurse prescribers, 15 were returned giving a 15.3% response
- 72 questionnaires were issued to District Nurse community nurse prescribers, 5 were returned, giving a 6.94% response
- 78 questionnaires were issued to Independent and Supplementary nurse prescribers, 14 were returned, giving a 17.95% response
- 19 questionnaire were issued to Lead Prescribers, 10 were returned, giving a 52.63% response

5. Agreement on next steps

Following a discussion by the Steering Group members and taking into account the poor response of return of the completed questionnaires it was agreed that focus groups would be organised for mid February 2007 to enhance the data collection. It was agreed that lead prescribers would be approached for nominations to maximise attendance at the focus groups.

To obtain maximum attendance and a geographical spread at these focus groups there would be three venues. The focus groups would consist of the following:

- Community Nurse Prescribers – 30 invitations attending 3 groups
- Independent and Supplementary Nurse Prescribers – 20 invitations attending 2 groups
- All Lead Prescribers and Prescribing Advisors – 22 invitations attending 2 groups

It was noted that Carolyn Kerr agreed to investigate venues at the Antrim Area Hospital Site and Siobhan Donaghy agreed to investigate venues at the South Tyrone Hospital Site. Lesley Barrowman would provide a range of dates to facilitate these arrangements.

NIPEC Senior Professional Officers would facilitate each focus group.

6. Project Plan

As a result of the change in the project methodology the Work Plan required amending. Proposed revisions to the Work Plan had previously been circulated. The Steering Group members agreed the new Work Plan.

7. Any other business

No other business.

8. Date and time of next meeting

The dates and times of the next 2 meetings had been agreed as follows:

30th March 2007 @ 2.00pm
16th May 2007 @ 2.00pm

Meetings are to be held at NIPEC, Centre House, 79 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JE.