

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

TNA NURSE PRESCRIBING PROJECT

Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Steering Group Tuesday 10 October 2006

Present

Andrea Gladstone	Marie Glackin	Hazel Baird (Chair)
Susan Semple	Terry Maguire	Paddie Blaney
Gillian Plant	Anne-Marie Marley	Leslie Barrowman
Sally Magee	Siobhan Donaghy	Catriona Campbell
Carolyn Mason	Eileen O'Rourke	

Apologies

Angela McLernon	Allison Hume
Oriel Brown	Loretta Gribben
Alice McQuaide	Bob Brown

1. Welcome and apologies

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

2. Introduction of Steering Group Members

All members present introduced themselves as to their name, title, place of employment and their involvement in nurse prescribing.

3. Introduction to the project

Paddie Blaney reported that the Trust Nurses Association (TNA) had met with NIPEC last year to consider areas of work that NIPEC could undertake on behalf of the TNA. A number of suggestions had been received, one of which was nurse prescribing. Following further discussions it was agreed that some work could be undertaken by NIPEC around the areas of role development and implementation. A Scoping Event was held in August with representatives nominated by the TNA to scope the project and agree the membership of the Steering Group. It was agreed that the project would use the NIPEC Development Framework Role Development Guide as the basis of getting information about enablers and barriers in implementing nurse prescribing. It was also agreed that the project should review Independent and supplementary Nurse Prescribing and Community Practitioner Nurse Prescribing.

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3. Purpose and remit of the Steering Group

A draft Terms of Reference for the Steering Group had been circulated to members and was discussed. Some suggestions for amendment to include an aim and objectives for the Steering Group were made and agreed. Lesley Barrowman (LB) will amend the final Terms of Reference will be circulated with the papers for the next meeting

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4. Briefing paper and proposals for the project

A briefing paper had been circulated to members. LB presented key issues from the paper. Terry Maguire queried the Scope of the Project, which he felt had already been addressed in previous work and he was of the view that the project should focus on the effectiveness of nurse prescribing. PB indicated that the resource available would not permit a full evaluation of effectiveness and it was agreed that this was work that should be taken forward in the future. Further discussion with members endorsed the scope of the project as one that would seek to identify barriers and enablers through using the NIPECdf Role Development Guide as a tool for developing tools to elicit information. The methodology and work plan for the project was agreed. Questionnaires would be distributed to lead prescribers and a sample of nurse prescribers in November 2006 and a workshop would be held in January 2007 with key stakeholders to explore issues arising from the questionnaire analysis. Discussion also took place around the publication of the final report, since this will only be published after the new HPSS Trusts will be formed and the status of the TNA was not known. It was agreed, in the first instance, to report to the new Directors of Nursing, with copies to all current TNA members.

5. Review of draft Questionnaire

LB presented draft questionnaires for discussion. There was general discussion around some aspects of the implementation and future direction of nurse prescribing. There was also limited discussion regarding the format and content of the questionnaires. It was agreed that copies of the questionnaires would be e-mailed to all group members for comment. It was also agreed that those Steering Group members who were prescribing leads or nurse prescribers would complete the relevant questionnaire as a small pilot, indicating any issues that they had in completing the form and the length of time take.

LB

The sample size for questionnaire distribution was discussed and it was agreed to sample 30% of Community Practitioner Nurse Prescribers and 60% of Independent and Supplementary Nurse Prescribers.

LB requested assistance in getting the contact details of Prescribing Leads and Nurse Prescribers. It was suggested that she contact the Prescribing Advisers at the 4 HPSS Boards for contact details of Prescribing Leads and contacted the Prescribing Leads for contact details of Nurse Prescribers.

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6. Agreement on next steps

The next step of the project involves questionnaire distribution and analysis, which should be completed in advance of the next Steering Group meeting in January.

7. Any other business

No other business.

8. Date and time of next meeting

8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 2pm, venue to be confirmed. It was also noted that the date and time of the Steering Group Scheduled for April 2007 would need to be re-arranged.