

NORTHERN IRELAND PRACTICE AND EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

TNA NURSE PRESCRIBING PROJECT

Notes of 4th and final Meeting of the Steering Group
held on Thursday 31st May 2007

Present

Hazel Baird (Chair)	Catriona Campbell	Carolyn Kerr
Lesley Barrowman (Project Lead)	Siobhan Donaghy	Anne McLaughlin
Paddie Blaney	Marie Glackin	Anne-Marie Marley
Bob Brown	Allison Hume	Angela McLernon
Oriel Brown	Siobhan Jackson	Eileen O'Rourke

Apologies

Rosario Baxter	Alice McQuaide	Gillian Plant
Andrea Gladstone	Sally Magee	Susan Semple
Anita Glenn	Carolyn Mason	Bronagh Scott

In Attendance

Lorraine Andrews, NIPEC

1. Welcome and apologies

Hazel welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the Steering Group. Hazel also welcomed Carolyn Kerr who was attending on behalf of Bronagh Scott.

Apologies were noted as above

2. Notes of Previous Meeting held on 30th March 2007

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

3. Final Draft Report

Hazel advised that following the last Steering Group meeting and as agreed a draft report had been circulated to members on the 11th May 2007 and requested comments to be forwarded to Lesley by Thursday 24th May 2007. A final draft report incorporating all comments had been tabled for members at today's meeting.

Lesley proceeded to take the members through the tabled final draft report highlighting the changes that had been made following comments received. Lesley also advised that there was a slight amendment to the format.

Following discussion around the report the following recommendations were made.

- It was **agreed** that within the Executive Summary Report and under each recommendation it would be accompanied by any explanatory paragraph.
- It was **agreed** that under point 3.8 amendments would be made to first and last paragraph. It would also be clarified that the studies referred to within the literature did not take place in Northern Ireland and to date no study had been carried out in Northern Ireland
- Duplication had occurred at points 5.3 and 6.1. It was **agreed** that wording would be changed accordingly.
- It was **agreed** that the Summary of the Data Analysis would not be included in the report but would be available on request and would appear on the NIPEC Website.
- It was **agreed** that a footnote explaining lead prescribers would be included at the beginning of the report.
- It was **agreed** that clarification at point 9.8 to be given regarding continuation of nurse prescriber adviser role in the new authority and prescribing co ordinate have a defined roles with adequate support within the new authority.
- It was **agreed** that the recommendations would be in order with generic first followed by nurse prescribing.
- It was **agreed** that a recommendation should be made for better IT assistance for nurse prescribers to ensure patient safety and this will also be raised at enablers and barriers.
- It was **agreed** a recommendation should be made for the Executive Directors of Nursing in partnership with the Department Nursing Advisory Group and other key stakeholders to develop a regional evaluation strategy.

4. Final Report

It had been **noted** and **agreed** by Steering Group Members that following today's meeting further discussion would take place with Lesley, Paddie and Hazel to incorporate all amendments to the final draft report. It had also been **agreed** that these amendments would be finalised through Chair's Action.

Lesley also confirmed to Steering Group Members that a final draft report would be proofread for spelling, punctuation and presentation before the report was published

5. Agreement on next steps

It was **agreed** that a letter would accompany the Report when it is circulated. It was also **agreed** that the report would be circulated mostly by email.

Distribution List – Key targets were agreed as follows:

Steering Group Members
Prescribing Advisors – 4 Boards
Prescribing Co coordinators
5 Executive Directors of Nursing Trusts
5 Chief Executives Trusts
Chief Executives – Boards
Chief Nurses – Boards
All original TNA Members
Chief Nursing Officer
Nursing Officers DHSSPS
CNAC, Chair
Education Providers QUB
 UU
 Open University
 Educare
 BMC
Chief Pharmaceutical Officer
Chief Medical Officer
Regional non-medical prescribing group
ICT Board
Chairs Local Commissioning Groups
Family practitioners
RQIA
RCN
RCM
CPHVA
Hospices
Marie Curie

6. Any other Business

Hazel, Baird, Chair of the Steering Group and Paddie Blaney, Chief Executive of NIPEC thanked all Steering Group Members and Lesley Barrowman, Project Lead, for their, hard work and the expertise which they brought to this project.