

## **Future Nurse Future Midwife Midwifery Expert Reference Group**



### **Future Midwife Curriculum Development Event**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 15:00 – 16:45 held via Videoconference**

#### **Note of Event**

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role/Representing</b>
Margaret Rogan	BHSCT	Midwife
Suzanne Thomas O'Boyle	BHSCT	Midwife
Ursula O'Dea	BHSCT	Midwife
Yvonne Ewart	BHSCT	Midwife
Judith McIlwee	CEC	Midwife Education Consultant
Nora O'Neil	CEC	Midwife Education Consultant
Dr Dale Spence	DoH	MERG and MERG CD Co-Chair
Agata Russ	NHSCT	Midwife
Andrea Burleigh	NHSCT	Midwife
Caroline Diamond	NHSCT	Head of Midwifery and Gynaecology
Cathy Hamilton	NHSCT	MERG Member
Sharon Larkin	NHSCT	Community midwifery team leader
Shirley Johnston	NHSCT	Midwife
Bernadette Gribben	NIPEC	FNFM Professional Officer
Fiona Bradley	NIPEC	MERG CD Co-Chair
Frances Cannon	NIPEC	FNFM Project Lead
Verena Wallace	NMC	NMC Midwifery - Presenter
Dr Alison Little	PHA	Midwife Consultant
Bethany Connaughton	QUB	Service User
Clare Hughes	QUB	QUB Midwifery Lecturer - Presenter
Eliz Bannon	QUB	RCM Honorary Fellow/Midwifery Leadership Doctoral Student
Dr Jenny McNeil	QUB	QUB Lead Midwife for Education - Presenter
Prof Karen McCutcheon	QUB	Director of Education - School of Nursing and Midwifery
Karen Murray	RCM	Director
Fionnuala McCluskey	SEHSCT	Head of Midwifery and Gynaecology
Joanne Fitzsimons	SEHSCT	FNFM Professional Officer
Kate McGarrigle	SEHSCT	Labour Ward Sister Ulster Hospital
Sarah McKeivitt	SEHSCT	Lead Midwife Ulster Hospital
Emma Creagh	SHSCT	Sister Maternity Floor CAH
Josie Rushe	SHSCT	Sister Delivery suite DHH
Mary Dawson	SHSCT	Lead Midwife
Sharon Conlan	SHSCT	FNFM Professional Officer
Shauna McClelland	SHSCT	Midwife
Wendy Clarke	SHSCT	Head of Midwifery and Gynaecology
Ali Ferguson	WHSCT	Midwife
Brenda McClafferty	WHSCT	Labour Ward Manager
Donna Blake	WHSCT	Labour Ward Sister, South West Acute Hospital,
Leanne Hughes	WHSCT	Midwifery Manager, MLU
Lisa McGill	WHSCT	Midwife
Mairead McCaffrey	WHSCT	Practice Development Midwife, South West Acute Hospital,
Shonagh Clifford	WHSCT	Post Natal Ward Sister

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Brenda Kelly	BHSCT
Rhonda Brown	BHSCT
Shirley Stronge	CEC
Heather Finlay	DoH
Kerrie McLarnon	NHSCT
Shona Hamilton	NHSCT
Patricia Scott	SEHSCT
Carol McGinn	WHST

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Fiona Bradley (Co-Chair of the Future Nurse Future Midwife (FNFM): Midwifery Expert Reference Group (MERG) Curriculum Development work stream) welcomed all attendees and provided an overview of proceedings for the event.

## **FNFM and NMC Presentations**

As per the [presentation](#), attendees were provided with information on:

- FNFM Programme Overview – Frances Cannon, NIPEC
- Future Midwife Standards Overview – Verena Wallace, NMC

Attendees were invited to ask questions following each presentation and none were raised.

## **Future Midwife BSc (Hons) Midwifery and MSc Midwifery Programmes Presentation**

As per the [presentation](#), QUB representatives Dr Jenny McNeill and Clare Hughes provided a detailed and comprehensive overview of QUB's Midwifery Programme curricula and the Midwifery Ongoing Record of Achievement (MORA). QUB noted their appreciation and thanks to the FNFM MERG Co-Chairs, a range of FNFM and practice colleagues, service users and students who have supported, contributed and co-designed the QUB Future Midwife Curricula through a variety of engagement and events.

QUB advised that September 2019 pre-registration midwifery cohort will not transition, but there will be a plan to transition in terms of systematic examination of the newborn. Further discussions will be progressed via MERG regarding this. September 2020 pre-registration midwifery cohort will transition and the examination of the newborn will be built into their programme. The forthcoming BSc (Hons) Midwifery 2021 cohort will commence September 2021 on the Future Midwife curriculum. The forthcoming MSc Midwifery 2021 cohort will commence April/May 2021 on the Future Midwife curriculum.

## **Future Midwife Programmes – Feedback and Discussion**

Attendees were invited to ask questions and discuss any of the content presented.

All organisations/areas represented at the meeting congratulated and commended QUB for their hard work, professional skill and passion taken to develop robust, innovative and detailed Future Midwife Curricula. Some specific queries/remarks include:

- How do practice partners share this locally to assist with underpinning this work? QUB will make this presentation available to share and supporting

detail will also be available through FNFM Practice Supervisor/Assessor preparation programmes.

- Systematic examination of the newborn is incorporated in Future Midwife pre-registration curricula and will be threaded throughout the programmes.
- Query over whether there may be anxiety if current registrants feel they aren't equipped with new proficiencies, for example, Quality Improvements (QI) methodologies. It was recognised, however that QI is well embedded in practice and going forward midwifery students will need supported to gain the necessary experience in this area. It was agreed that QUB and CEC may explore topics that help support registrants, if necessary in this area – this will be kept under review.
- QUB and other attendees reiterated that current and new registrants shouldn't feel it is 'two tiered'. The BSc (Hons) Midwifery and MSc Midwifery are both pre-registration programmes and as such students on both programmes have to meet the same proficiencies.
- Written and verbal feedback included:
  - ✓ Well done, great work, useful and informative. This will future proof the midwifery profession
  - ✓ Exciting and commendable that QUB have worked with the Midwifery Practice Assessment Collaboration (MPAC) and collaborated with England in relation to the development of the MORA
  - ✓ Excellent opportunity to benchmark midwifery with the UK and also have consensus and engagement from NI stakeholders regarding the MORA.
  - ✓ Fantastic presentation – one of the largest attended Curriculum Development events across the Future Nurse Future Midwife project.
  - ✓ Very reassuring to hear that – the curricula is mapped across to strategic policies and the Transformation agenda in NI which is a key requirement for the FNFM Programme Board.
  - ✓ The quality improvement element is an important and exciting inclusion as is the pharmacology (as relevant to midwifery) “this is great to see”.
  - ✓ The curricula indicate continued growth and service improvement –.
  - ✓ Continued embedding of research into the mainstream of the profession to inform practice and education is positive.
  - ✓ A number of participants expressed their enthusiasm and positivity in relation to the Future Midwife programmes, highlighting that it is an opportune time to be commencing a pre-registration midwifery programme in NI.

No further queries were raised and attendees were asked if a screen shot of video attendance could be captured – alternatively attendees could turn cameras off if they did not wish to participate.

Fiona Bradley thanked all attendees and presenters, noting the success and excellent turn out for the event and closed proceedings.