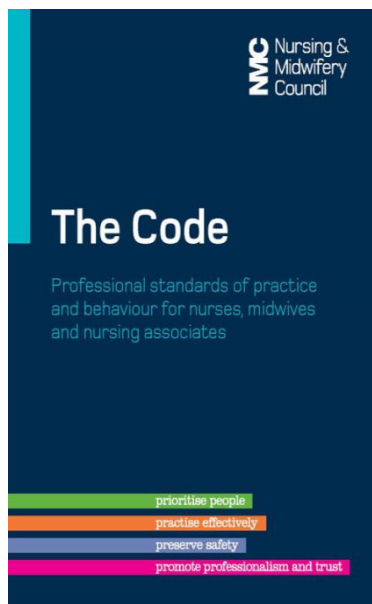


“Good record keeping is an integral part of nursing and midwifery practice and is an essential component of safe, effective and person centred care provision”

(NIPEC, 2017, p. 5).



Nurses and Midwives

MUST

‘Prioritise people’

and ensure

“their needs are recognised, assessed and responded to”
(NMC, 2018, p. 6).

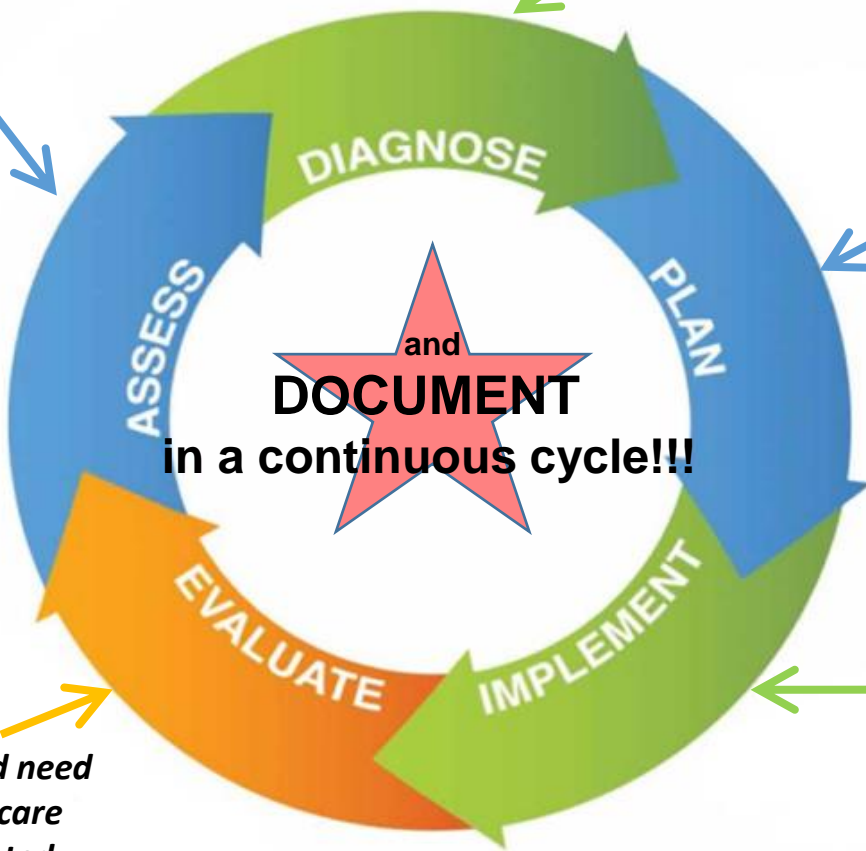
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Begins with initial assessment, identifying needs (acute and existing). The Person must have the opportunity to tell his/ her story and discuss concerns and desires regarding his/ her care

Use known information from assessment/current knowledge/critical thinking/professional judgement

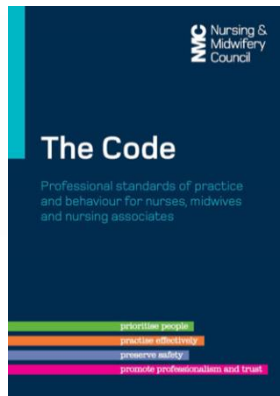


For each identified need (either during initial assessment or when need is identified)

Consider best evidence/policies/guidance

Every identified need and its plan of care must be evaluated





Finally...

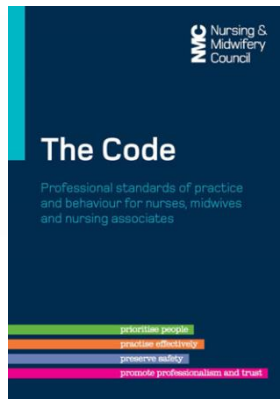


Recording care (including assessments, plans of care and evaluation of care) is a form of communication.

**It MUST be available to view and MUST be shared appropriately.
We MUST...**

- ✓ **Prioritise people** by involving “the person for whom the care is being provided for” (NIPEC, 2017, p. 6)
- ✓ **Prioritise people** by documenting their person-centred assessment, plan of care and evaluation in a structured, factual and holistic manner, while ensuring the person shares “in decisions about their treatment and care” through “informed consent” (NMC, 2018, p. 7)





We MUST...

- ✓ **Practise effectively** by “keeping clear and accurate records” (NMC, 2018, p. 9) to show that safe, effective, compassionate and person-centred care is being given to people and their families/ carers
- ✓ **Practise effectively** by “ keeping clear and accurate records” (NMC, 2018, p. 9) to show evidence of decision making processes and professional ability. This should include documentation showing evidence based ways of working in clinical practice
- ✓ **Practise effectively** by being “accountable for your decisions to delegate tasks and duties to other people” (NMC, 2018, P. 12)