

### *The story of PACE*

Once upon a time nurses and midwives in Northern Ireland struggled to record their contribution. In the year of 2014 the Chief Nursing Officer recruited the help of NIPEC to help the nurses and midwives record the care they planned.

NIPEC began by looking at the literature, it became clear that it was a struggle experienced by nurses and midwives worldwide with no magic solution.

Then in January 2015 there was a grand gathering at the care planning summit with all the HSC Trusts, other HSC organisations and Universities. It was here that PACE began to emerge.

Many discussions followed, developing PACE through the sunshine of the summer of 2015.

September 2015 seen the first small scale pilot followed by the nurses coming together to feedback their experiences of PACE. It was very exciting times as nurses reported how this new way of recording not only improved their record keeping skills but made them feel more autonomous and much more professional. The people they cared shared this delight and spoke of feelings of safety.

In November 2015, the story so far was presented by some nurses to the Chief Nursing Officer and the Executive Directors of Nurses with the help of NIPEC.

Great eagerness followed as a larger scale pilot was granted and planned for February 2016.

When the larger pilot was complete the nurses gathered again to give their view and NIPEC wrote about all the results. Abundant enthusiasm prevailed. It was starting to become evident that PACE not only touched on written records but like ever increasing circles touching on many aspects of safe, effective, person centred care.

And so the story continues in July 2016 after the nurses with a little help from NIPEC once again presented the outcomes of the second pilot to the Chief Nursing Officer and the Executive Directors of Nurses. The spread of this good practice was granted.

In early 2017 the plan to spread PACE began. The story of PACE is not ending here but just beginning.

### *The Beginning*