

ALTNAGELVIN GROUP OF HOSPITALS

DIRECTORATE OF PATIENT SERVICES

**Nursing Services Protocol - 17/94/UC/MD**

Circulation - Senior Nurse Managers  
Ward and Departmental Sisters/Charge Nurses  
Ward Manuals

**THE NAMED NURSE/MIDWIFE**

Nursing Services Protocol 17/94/UC/MD. The Named Nurse/Midwife represents the minimum standard acceptable within the Directorate of Patient Services, Altnagelvin Group of Hospitals.

Patients attending Altnagelvin Hospital either as an in-patient or out-patient should be allocated a Named Nurse/Midwife to plan and co-ordinate their care from admission to discharge.

When allocating responsibility for patients care the competency level of the qualified 'Nurse/Midwife' must be taken into consideration.

A defined method of communication must be established to ensure both patients and relatives are made aware of their Named Nurse/Midwife.

The Named Nurse/Midwife should have an identified Associate Nurse/Midwife available in their absence.

Each Ward or Department has a responsibility to produce its own Guidelines and establish their own Standard on the implementation of the Named Nurse/Midwife and ensure Audit on a yearly basis.

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This Protocol is subject to Annual Review.