

LETTER FROM ALAN CORRY-FINN TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF NURSING

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Dear Colleague,

Re: Recording Care: Evidencing Safe and Effective Care

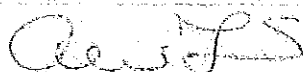
As you are aware, NIPEC was asked by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and the Public Health Agency to undertake a project, the aim of which is to implement the tools and resources developed during the Regional Record Keeping Initiative 2009 - 2010 and the agreed HSC Nursing Assessment and Plan of Care document to facilitate improvement in the standard of nurse record keeping in Northern Ireland and to promote a culture which supports person-centred record keeping practices. This work is being taken forward in partnership with HSC Trusts and other key stakeholders in Northern Ireland.

One of the Project objectives was in relation to the potential production of a Regional Policy Template for Nurse Record Keeping Practice, recognising that the NMC intended to produce Standards for record keeping this year. It has come to the attention of the Steering Group, however, that following an announcement on the NMC webpage 30th March 2012, the intended production of standards will not now go ahead.

Following a discussion at the last Steering Group meeting, it was agreed that a proposal would be put to the Executive Directors of Nursing in relation to the Recording Care Project developing a set of high level Standards for Record Keeping Practice, hosted and managed by NIPEC, which could be adopted regionally. It is hoped that through a short clearly articulated document clarity will be provided to registrants with regard to expectations of the standards of record keeping practice for nursing care. Furthermore, it would be an expectation that such a standard document could be additionally applicable to midwifery.

I write to seek your views on this position and look forward to your response.

Kind regards,



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Chair of Steering Group
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