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Nursing



Delivering Care: Nurse Staffing in Northern Ireland

Section 1: Strategic Direction and Rationale for general and specialist medical and surgical adult in-hospital care settings

This Section sets out the policy context and rationale for the work of the Delivering Care Project in Northern Ireland and includes the following elements:

- Background, context and strategic drivers for developing staffing ranges*
- Assumptions of the framework*
- Nurse staffing ranges*

“Delivering Care” Nurse staffing in Northern Ireland is the outcome of a commission undertaken by the PHA Director of Nursing from the DHSSPS Chief Nursing Officer and approved by the Minister of Health in 2014. The aim of the Delivering Care project is to support the provision of quality care which is safe and effective in hospital and community settings.

The outcome of the project will see the delivery of a robust framework to determine nurse staffing ranges for the nursing and midwifery workforce in a range of specialities across the nursing and midwifery workforce in Northern Ireland .

The first phase of the project focuses on Acute Medical and Surgical units in each of the Health and Social Care Trusts.

The methodology of the first phase of the project included the construction of regional project steering groups and working groups across the HSC organisations in Northern Ireland.

The work plan to date has included a number of engagement events and meetings with HSC organisations and staff.

In addition a process is underway to scope and test the implications of implementing the recommendations set out in Delivering Care as they relate to the specific phases of the project. These include Emergency departments, District Nursing and Health Visiting .

It is anticipated that future phases are likely to include mental health, learning disability and midwifery care across inpatient and community care settings.

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