Supporting Nurses to work in the Community Setting

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“In this time of shifting political and economic priorities, the community health and social care landscape is

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Who will care? (2013, Hallett & Probert)

Key questions:

How will we care for communities?

How will we care for ourselves?

Increased collaboration

Sharing information - data

Earlier support to prevent hospital admission

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Health & Social Care Act (2012)

- Clinicians at the centre of commissioning – more effective care
- Empowering patients
- Increased demand for health and social care
- Cost of care - health/social?
- Health & Well being boards

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Workforce Requirements

Does it require a professionally qualified health and social care workforce?

Skills to empower patients to take responsibility

Understanding of diverse populations

Recognition of complexity of patients

Understanding of local health profiles

Maintaining quality at all times

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Responsibilities

Who will be responsible for the education & training of the workforce ?

Health Education England

Local providers – Social Enterprise/ NHS

Higher Education Institutions

Concerns:

Impossible to ‘train’, ‘educate’ the complete workforce to degree level

Other opportunities to learn to care – on line support

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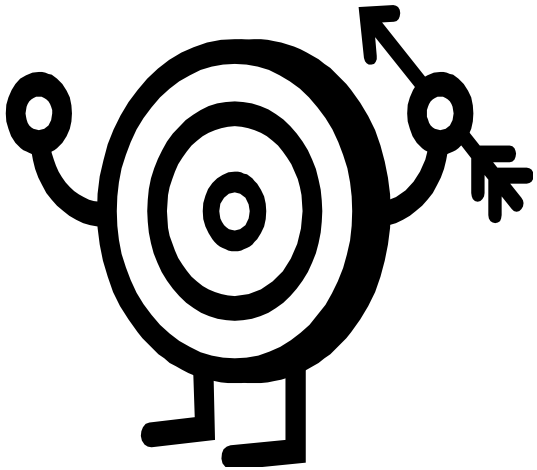
Transition to Community online resource

- The overall aim of the online learning resource is to help participants understand the differences in delivering care in the home and in the hospital setting, and to explore some of the clinical knowledge and skills required for community nursing.



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Details of the resource

- Ten Chapters
- Covering 3 main sections

A) Thinking about working in the Community

B) Working in the Community setting

C) The Future – personal and professional development

- Mentorship and Support
- Reflective Journal
- Evaluation

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Any willing provider?

- Increased patient choice
- Increased competition
- Social Value
- Confidence in own staff that they can deliver
- Right skills MUST be utilised
- Diversity of services to meet the needs of local populations

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