

Senedd Cross-Party Group on Nursing & Midwifery

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2023

Topic: Future of Community Nursing
Tŷ Hywel, The Senedd; 28 February 2023; 6pm – 7.30pm

Attendance in person

Jenny Rathbone, MS (**Chair**)
Russell George, MS
Helen Whyley, RCN Wales Director
Nicky Hughes, RCN Wales Associate Director (Employment Relations)
Lisa Keith, RCN Wales Independent Sector & Community Adviser
Lorraine Joomun, RCN Wales Education and Lifelong Learning Adviser
Sarah Williams, RCN Wales Policy, Parliamentary and Public Affairs Officer
Aysima Harper, RCN Wales Policy, Parliamentary and Public Affairs Assistant
Chiquita Cusens, National Lead Nurse for Primary and Community Care
Alison Magor, District Nursing Sister, and Team Manager
Teresa Neate, Cardiff Community Nursing Team Member
Julie Roberts, RCM Wales Director
Stacey Keane, RCM Wales Workplace Representative

Attendance online

Paul Labourne, Welsh Government Nursing Officer
Deb Evans, RCN Professional Lead, Community Nursing
Shirley Willis, PgDip Community Health Studies Lecturer
Abigail Swindail, Clinical Informatics Lead for Community Services
Marie Davies, Deputy Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Powys THB
Susan Thomas, Primary Care Cluster/NCN Lead, Newport West
Nicolas Unwin, RCN Wales Campaigns and Parliamentary Officer

Apologies

Lisa Turnbull, Policy, Parliamentary and Public Affairs Manager RCN Wales
Sandy Harding, Associate Director (Professional Practice) RCN Wales

Due to plenary running late, the meeting started at 6:40pm.

Jenny Rathbone MS, Chair welcomed everybody to the Cross-Party group on Midwifery and Nursing.

This meeting of the Cross Party originally scheduled for be the AGM with the re-election of officers. However due to its late start and the number of guest speakers joining the chair decided to postpone the AGM to the next Cross Party Group.

The meeting was held in hybrid format; with some in the room, and others joining via MS teams.

The topic of this meeting was **Future of Community Nursing**:

Introductory remarks from:

- *Chiquita Cusens, National Lead Nurse for Primary and Community Care*
Gave a brief overview of Accelerated Cluster Models.

- *Paul Labourne, Welsh Government Nursing Officer*
Provided an update on Neighbourhood District Nursing (NDN).

See briefing circulated at the meeting attached as annexe to the minutes.

General discussion including:

- Staffing issues
- Deskilled workforce with the expansion of individual teams
- Sufficient knowledge, experience, and training for safe and effective care
- Support in promoting/explaining the role to those considering it as a career
- Clinical information systems
- Learning from successes and failures to improve service delivery
- Electronic prescribing project in Powys
- Equity of provision – particularly on boarders

Closing remarks

Jenny Rathbone MS thanked attendees for their contributions to the discussion.

Helen Whyley emphasised the importance of Community Nursing role and its significant benefits for communities. Helen added her thanks to all attendees and thanked Jenny Rathbone MS for chairing the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8pm. The next Cross-Party meeting will be arranged for October 2023.