

Nursing and Midwifery Office

Achievements Q1 of 2017/2018 July to September

The Nursing and Midwifery Office (NMO) provides high level advice and leadership on nursing and midwifery professional, workforce and policy issues. The NMO leads the strategic direction of the nursing and midwifery professions through engagement across the public and private sector and the health and education providers to build quality and effective delivery of nursing and midwifery services in Western Australia with a safe, effective workforce.



Strategy

Nursing and Midwifery Strategic Direction and Work Plan. System nursing and midwifery leadership is provided via the WA Health Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Council (WAHNMAC).

Membership comprises all area Executive Directors of Nursing and Midwifery, a Midwifery Executive and a Mental Health Nursing Executive. WAHNMAC meet monthly with the purpose to support implementation of the strategic direction.

Workforce Excellence

Leadership

- Mental Health Breakfast Forum attended by over 60 public, private and non-government senior leaders.
- Nursing and Midwifery Executive Leadership Development Masterclass attended by over 50 participants to inform the next Nursing and Midwifery Office Strategic Direction.

Workforce

- Nursing and Midwifery workforce – data snapshot March 2017 completed (infographic).
- Sustainable Midwifery Student clinical placement models forum completed with recommendations to the WAHNMAC regarding the proposed future direction of clinical placements for midwifery students.
- Assistant in Midwifery working group finalised proposed business rules and duties for role. Proposal has been escalated to Health Industrial Relations.
- The Restricted Birthing Practices Bill was passed through the House of Representatives.
- Refresher Pathway Connect: 6 RNs and 4 Midwives offered a refresher pathway placement in the RPC AUG 2017 intake.

Optimise Activity

- Licensing agreement for Endorsed Privately Practising Midwives and Mandatory Policy complete. HSPs have been advised of implementation.
- Access to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for endorsed midwives working in midwifery continuity of care models in public maternity units has been supported by HSPs.

Enhance Care Continuum

- 15 applications for Community Service Leave were supported: nurses and midwives (53%), medical officers (40%) and other (7%), volunteering in 7 countries.
- Tanzanian Midwives Study Tour: four former participants and champions of the Global Health Alliance WA Maternal and Neonatal Care Course completed a four week study tour of WA.

