

Nursing and Midwifery Office

Achievements Q4 of 2017/2018 April to June

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.



Workforce
Excellence



Optimise
Activity



Enhance Care
Continuum

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

- Launch of the [Nursing and Midwifery Strategic Priorities 2018-2021](#).
- Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer (CNMO) attended the meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Council of Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officers.

Policy

- Assistant in Nursing (AIN) Policy approved by Director General.
- Credentialing Policy approved by Director General.
- Restricted Birthing Legislation was endorsed in Parliament as part of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (WA) Amendment Bill 2017.

Fellowships and academic grants

- 4 fellowships/academic grants funded in the last round.

International Nurses and Midwives Week celebrations

- Hosted the 2018 WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards - 11 nurses and midwives were announced as winners from a field of 28 finalists. The Lifetime Achievement Honour was presented to Prof Phillip Della.
- Celebration held for 25 nurses/midwives reaching the milestone of 50 years registration.

Refresher Pathway Connect

- For the RPC Mar 2018 intake, the HSPs have supported 13 RNs, 5 ENs and 2 Midwives through the refresher program.
- Refresher Pathway Connect program planned to open again in March 2019.

Midwifery Continuity of Care Models

- Methodology to examine the direct and indirect costs of maternity care developed.

Optimise Activity

- In collaboration with the Health Informatics Society Australia (HISA) the Nursing and Midwifery Office held its first clinical informatics masterclass, attracting around 80 nursing and midwifery leaders from WA Health.

Enhance Care Continuum

- Karen Bradley represented the Minister for Health at the Tanzania Nursing and Midwifery Scientific Conference in Dodoma as part of the Global Health Alliance WA program (GHAWA).
- Scoping project undertaken to partner with East Sepik Province PNG to deliver GHAWA Maternal and Newborn Care Course.
- Leadership and Management Course delivered to 132 Tanzanian nurses and midwives.

