

Media Release



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Minister for Public Health to launch the Modernising Nursing in the Community website

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NHSScotland community nursing staff and others involved in service redesign and quality improvement within the setting of community health partnerships are set to benefit from a new online toolkit to be launched on 24 January by Michael Matheson, Minister for Public Health.

The event will be streamed live so that as many community nursing teams as possible have the opportunity to take part in the event from their home base. The event will also feature a live online question and answer session with Mr Matheson. Mr Matheson will be joined at the launch by the Chief Nursing Officer, Ros Moore.

The Modernising Nursing in the Community Website (MNic) – www.mnic.nes.scot.nhs.uk – has been developed by NHS Education for Scotland (NES), in partnership with, practitioners, managers, educationalists, and partnership organisations. It contains a wide range of resources and links to useful websites. It has been developed to support the work of the Modernising Community Nursing Programme Board.

Margaret Duncan, a Health Visitor with NHS Tayside commented: "In seeing the new MNiC Toolkit for the first time - I was excited to see many of our important , updated and relevant documents all accessible in the one place!

"The site can be used by all levels of staff and the information you may be seeking can be as in depth as each individual nurse may require.

“The layout makes it easy to access the area of Community Nursing you wish and the idea that with a few clicks you can be made aware of forthcoming events and new documents pertaining to our profession has the potential to be a time saving exercise in a Community Nurses busy life!”

Following the launch, the website will continue to be developed by a user reference group with membership from community nurses in practice, education and research roles as well as other key stakeholders.

Michael Matheson, Minister for Public Health commented: “This unique and forward looking resource will inform, support and connect community nurses and their teams wherever they work as we move forward in achieving our ambition for excellence in healthcare for the people of Scotland.”

NES project lead, Jane Cantrell, added: “The website focuses on three areas: Children, Young People and Families, Work and Wellbeing, and Adults and Older People. Each section illustrates the 12 elements of the Modernising Community Nursing Framework and supports the delivery of safe, effective and patient-centred care in the community.

This website will support community nursing teams to search for relevant evidence, policy and resources in defined areas and assist in terms of service redesign by illustrating and sharing examples of how other health board areas have implemented change.

The website is a key communication platform for the Modernising Community Nursing Programme which supports NHS Boards in Scotland to address key drivers for change through a development approach that modernises community nursing. Future service development will ensure patient safety and further improve quality of care by building capacity, capability, sustainability and flexibility in the community nursing workforce in Scotland.

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www.nes.scot.nhs.uk
2. Further information on the Modernising Nursing in the Community Programme is available here: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/NHS-Scotland/nursing/ModernisingCommunityNursi>

