

Nursing Practice Standards

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*Part 2: Learning &
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Project aims

- ◆ To describe existing standards and to identify the gaps between what exists and where additional standards are required.
- ◆ 21 themes arose from a scoping exercise of UK policy documents
- ◆ To develop a set of standards that describe what the public and patients can expect from nursing in all settings



Process and outcome

- In collaboration with patient and users – developed clusters and then draft standards
- Using language that everyone can understand
- Current consultation phase closed on the 19th March
- Analysis will be used to amend current draft standards
- Final standards will be launched during 2010

Relationship of Nursing Practice Standards to other standards



- ◆ NMC Code of Conduct
- ◆ Nursing Practice Standards
 - characteristics that underpin good practice in all nursing care delivery
- ◆ Specific standards / guidance
 - Evidence based best practice
 - e.g. NICE, RCN, SIGN

Collaborative & Complementary

Not intended to replace existing standards but to complement them.

Support from:

- ◆ CQC
- ◆ NPSA
- ◆ DoH
- ◆ NMC



Eight Nursing Practice Standards

One example:

- ◆ **Nurses treat all people equally, with dignity and humanity; demonstrating kindness, compassion, sensitivity and the ability to care from one human to another.**

Longer-term Use

The nursing standards may be used to

- ✓ Frame, co-ordinate and inform:
 - work around the quality and metrics agendas
 - Quality accounts/Board accountability for nursing
 - Energising for Excellence
 - Local and national clinical audit
 - Service accreditation
- ✓ Underpin pre and post-registration curricula
- ✓ Guide the development of education resources
- ✓ Contribute to research outcomes
- ✓ Inform and contribute to Public, Patient, Engagement (PPE) initiatives

Workshop Tasks

- ◆ Comments on current draft standards (5 mins)
- ◆ Examples of how you may use them in your practise (10mins)

