

Connecting the Digital Dots; Enabling the Nursing and Midwifery Contribution

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HIMSS Nursing and Midwifery (England) Informatics Community

1st October Meeting Report

This collaborative, multi-faceted initiative brings together existing UK networks to combine the professional skills and leadership of nurses and midwives to transform the delivery of healthcare through informatics. A community aimed at sharing knowledge & best practice; supporting and promoting the role of nurses and midwives in implementing information technology that enhances nursing and midwifery workflow, promotes patient safety and yields outcomes that improve patient care.

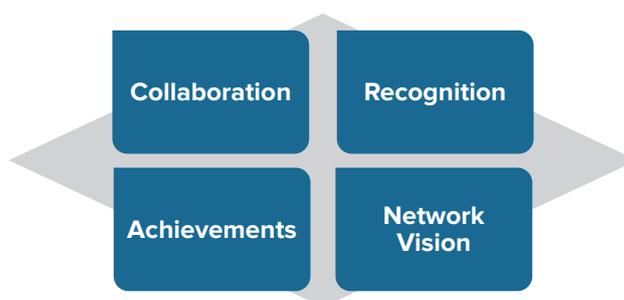
This initiative falls within the framework of the HIMSS Nursing Informatics Community in Europe and is the first local representation of its kind in the UK.



Current UK Network Landscape



Our Vision for the future The 4 Pillars of the Network



Collaboration

- Develop a shared platform of collaboration and learning
- To share experiences and apply learning to own organisations
- Work in collaboration with all members of the MDT
- Create forums for staff to collaborate
- Build an engaged community of nursing and midwifery informatics professionals

Achievements

- We aim to publish and present individually and as a group
- Establish a group which has the ability to feed up and back to our organisations
- Establish a standardised CNIO role/strategy and promote the role nationally
- Establish a Ministry for Nursing & Midwifery Informatics

Recognition

- Establish Nursing informatics as a recognised professional role
- Create one voice at the national digital table and in deciding national strategy
- Aim for more nurse/CNIO representation at keynote events

Vision

- Reduce barriers for nurses and midwives to put their own initiatives into action and share with others to reproduce
- Get Nursing Informatics on the roadmap
- Ensure CPD and remaining updated and current
- NMC guidance on digitalisation
- Gain recognition for the role of digital Nurses and Midwives

Takeaways from the Event

The interactive workshop session focused on identifying the gaps in the current networks and finding solutions for identified gaps/needs: Outputs are summarised here

Useful and Collaborative

- Make the network useful for front line staff
- Linking Nurses and Midwives
- Linking ALL the networks and able to share across them (avoid role based silos)

One “Unified” Voice

- Create one voice influencing national and regional digital strategy
- Focus on recognition, clarification and value of the Nurse & Midwife role

Education and CPD

- “Start them early” Digital education should be included in all nursing education
- Need for more digital E-learning

A Portal for Wider Sharing

- Where members can find out about new innovations, what’s going on and lessons learnt in UK and via the EU NMI Communities

Mentorship and Support

- A need for mentorship for new CNIOs
- Create one platform where members can connect vertically and horizontally within the community – watch this space!

Benefit of HIMSS Communities

- Open up to and share with other nursing & midwifery communities across Europe – represent the UK

Focus on digital confidence rather than digital competence

Next Steps:

- Clarify platform choice for communication between members of the community
- Next event for England Network 2020
- How to celebrate the Nightingale Challenge and Year of the Nurse 2020
- Continue to define the Community manifesto and set out strategy for implementation of vision

2020 Year of the Nurse & Midwife

2020 will be dedicated to highlighting the enormous sacrifices and contributions of nurses and midwives, raising their status and profile worldwide.

This coincides with the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale.

The Nightingale Challenge

Calls for every employer to provide leadership training for 20 young nurses and midwives, aiming for 20,000 to benefit from this global initiative

HIMSS NMIN aims to celebrate and promote the Nightingale Challenge throughout 2020, focusing on digital leadership.

To benefit from a complimentary HIMSS membership please email Charlotte Misseldine at CMisseldine@himss.org
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