

## REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

### PROFESSIONAL NURSING & MIDWIFERY STRATEGY GROUP

**Status:** Sub Group of The Trust Board

**Chair:** Director of Nursing, Midwifery, Quality & Risk

**Membership:** Director of Human Resources  
Deputy Director of Nursing, Quality & Risk  
Head of Practice Development  
Heads of Nursing/Midwifery  
Director of CRIPPAC, University of Hertfordshire (Quarterly)  
Head of School of Nursing & Midwifery, University of Hertfordshire

The Chair will have the ability to co-opt specific expertise as appropriate and to take account of the emerging structures within the Divisions.

**Frequency of Meetings:** Six weekly

### PURPOSE

The Professional Nursing & Midwifery Strategy Group has a key role in shaping the Trust's Nursing and Midwifery agenda to improve clinical standards and the patient's experience.

### REMIT

- ◆ To examine new national initiatives and determine appropriate strategies to ensure implementation locally.
- ◆ To continually review the Nursing & Midwifery Strategy, ensuring objectives are met within agreed timeframes.
- ◆ To assist the Trust's Clinical Governance agenda by continually reviewing information gained from serious incidents and complaints across the Divisions. To develop action plans ensuring that Nursing and Midwifery issues are improved upon, and to inform the training and education agenda.
- ◆ To ensure the development and increased responsiveness of nursing services in line with NHS Plan initiatives such as nurse prescribing, CNO 10 key roles, patient and public involvement agenda.
- ◆ To note Nursing and Midwifery Policies, Procedures and Guidelines, which have been formally ratified by the Clinical Practice Forum.

## **Reporting Arrangements**

The Group will meet on a six weekly basis with Minutes provided to The Trust Board, Divisional Managers, Modern Matrons and Senior Nurses.

**Gary Etheridge**  
**Director of Nursing, Midwifery, Quality & Risk**

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