



The two Draft Policies are;

1. **Development of a Community Nursing and Midwifery Response to an Integrated Model of Care,**
2. **Development of Graduate, Specialist and Advanced Nursing and Midwifery Practice.**

The Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health, has commenced a process to consult on, the above draft policies. Minister for Health Simon Harris T.D. will launch the draft policy documents on 27th March 2017 at the Council Chamber, Primary Care Centre, Ballymun. See below details of where and when the regional consultations are being held.

Schedule

| Date | Time | Location | Venue |
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| Monday 27 th March | 11.00am - 1pm | Dublin | Council Chamber, Primary Care Centre, Ballymun |
| Monday 27 th March | 2pm - 5pm | Dublin | Room 6/7 CNME, Mater Hospital |
| Wednesday 29 th March | 2pm - 5pm | Galway | CNE, Merlin Park Hospital |
| Thursday 30 th March | 2pm - 5pm | Monaghan | St. Mary's Residential Centre Older Person's Services, Castleblaney |
| Tuesday 11 th April | 2pm - 5pm | Cork | Main Auditorium, Cork University Hospital |
| Wednesday 12 th April | 10am - 1pm | Tullamore | Lecture Theatre 1, Scott Building, Tullamore General Hospital, |
| Thursday 13 th April | 10am - 1pm | Dublin | Admin. Building, Lecture Theatre, Cherry Orchard Hospital |
| Tuesday 18 th April | 10am - 1pm | Limerick | Room 4/5, Primary Care Services, Ballycummin, Raheen Business Park |
| Wednesday 19 th April | 10am - 1pm | Letterkenny | CNME, Letterkenny Hospital |
| Friday 21 st April | 10am - 1pm | Waterford | CNME Classroom, Level 2, University Hospital Waterford |

Context

The draft policies support other initiatives identified in the Programme for Government (2016) and address in part the commitment for Government Strategy to deliver a sustainable and high quality health service that addresses the challenges of hospital avoidance, early discharge, access and choice to services, patient flow and waiting lists.

Audience

The consultation process is aimed at health professionals, managers, educators and all service providers across the country. Everyone is welcome to attend. It would be appreciated if this notice could be circulated widely within your service. To maximise the benefit of these consultation meetings we would encourage that arrangements would be made locally to facilitate the attendance of nursing and midwifery staff. To reserve a place please email emma_craven@health.gov.ie with your preferred venue.

Consultation Process

We welcome your participation and there are a number of ways in which you can contribute:-

Regional - We are currently engaging in consultations at regional meetings to inform health service staff about the draft policies. These regional meetings provide an opportunity for health service staff to hear about the draft policies and contribute their views. Above is a list of venues where the consultations are taking place in the coming weeks.

Online Survey - Engage in the consultation by completing the online survey on the draft policies at <http://health.gov.ie/future-health/office-of-the-chief-nurse/consultations/>

Twitter - engage with the discussion on Twitter [@chiefnurseIRE](https://twitter.com/chiefnurseIRE)

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