

NATIONAL NURSING & NURSING EDUCATION TASKFORCE

N³ET E-Update (No. 03/2005)

The National Nursing and Nursing Education Taskforce (N³ET) was announced in 2003. Following each meeting an electronic update (E-Update) is prepared and circulated to interested stakeholders. E-Updates are brief summaries of the key issues from each Taskforce meeting or other recent news/matters.

Review of the work up to now

With the first year of work concluded, the Taskforce has reviewed its key performance indicators, and reflected on each of the assigned recommendations, the workplan and achievements to date. Taking into account relevant changes and recent developments contextually, the Taskforce is confident that progress is in accordance with project timelines and budgets.

Nationally Consistent Scope of Practice (Rec 4 of the National Review of Nursing Education 2002: Our duty of Care)

Following the N^3ET Symposium on Scopes of Practice for nurses and midwives on March 30 2005, an **Action Plan** is being finalised. The Plan outlines the key action areas identified during the Symposium proceedings to progress in the next phase, and identifies the stakeholders best positioned to partner with N^3ET to lead the ensuing pieces of work. The Action Plan will be available on the N^3ET website by the end of April.

Symposium participants are reminded and encouraged to feedback their comments using the on-line e-forms at www.nnnet.gov.au

- 1. Issues & Comments Form
- 2. Symposium Feedback Form
- 3. Current Developments Form

Partnering with Stakeholders

During the Scopes of Practice Symposium, the Chair of the National Nursing and Nursing Education Taskforce, Adjunct Professor Belinda Moyes, re-affirmed that the commitment of the stakeholders was critical to successful implementation of a national framework for scopes of practice for nurses and midwives. Commitment to national consistency is required to support the Taskforce's work, and this support involves stakeholders making critical decisions to take action and to dedicate resources to the implementation of a national framework.

Following the Symposium, the Chair of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMC), Ms Anne Morrison and the Deputy Chair, Ms Louise Milne-Roch met with the Taskforce at the April N³ET meeting to discuss a range of matters including areas of work proposed for joint action, identified by the Taskforce and incorporated in the Scope of Practice Action Plan. This is a great opportunity for N³ET and the ANMC to harness their collective resources and expertise to progress key pieces of work with the aim of achieving greater consistency in regulation across Australia.

During the meeting, the ANMC affirmed strengthened commitment to work in partnership with the Taskforce and other key groups such as the Australian and New Zealand Council of Chief Nurses to progress work of mutual interest.

For more information (including previous E-Updates) on N³ET, go to http://www.nnnet.gov.au/

Have you registered as a Stakeholder yet? If not, go to the N3ET website and follow the links to Stakeholder registration.