



The Irish Institute of Mental Health Nursing

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Where to From Here

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Overview

- Factors Influencing Change/Changes in Nursing
- Opportunities
- Challenges

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Factors Influencing Change:

- Changes occurring in Mental Health which have been outlined-
 - include legislative changes, policy, structural/ organisational , recovery oriented, outcome focussed , advocacy, user involvement & empowerment
- Vision for Change –Implementation of policy-National Monitoring Group
- Changes occurring within the profession

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Report of the Commission on Nursing 1999

- Significant time of change in the organisation delivery and development of the profession
 - Nurses Bill
 - Governance Structures ABA
 - Transition Degree Programme 2002/CAO
 - National Council & NMPDUs
 - Clinical Career Pathways
 - Nurse Management Structures

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Report of the Commission on Nursing 1999

- Effective utilisation of the Nursing & Midwifery resource- use of Health Care Assistants (7.63)
- The Commission on Nursing recommends that consideration should be given to the nurse/midwife managers as clinical directors where appropriate (7.27)
- Restructuring Nursing in the Community

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Opportunity to Make it Happen

History and track record of change of mental health nursing

Changes Irish Institute of Mental Health Nursing

- Focal point discourse, discussion and debate ,
- Aims to promote excellence & ongoing development
- Inform & Influence
- Networking
- Policy development
- Role Expansion
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Challenges

- Costs versus Benefits –Quantitative & Qualitative Outcomes
- Competition for scarce resources/finite budgets
- Holistic focus/ Standards of care
- Role expansion/ role of nursing – specialist /generic role????
- Integration-Collaborative working /networking-with users/
carers and various statutory & voluntary agencies
- Empowerment beyond tokenism

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Challenges

- Theory & Practice ? Same perspective different application
- Joint Appointments??? Clinical & Academic posts
- Organisation of Nursing;
 - Clinical role for senior health professionals.
 - Practice Development-evolution undergraduate v service quality initiatives
 - Skill mix & workload analysis

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Conclusion

- Inaugural Meeting of Executive
- Website www.iimhn.org

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