Welcome to our future midwife standards implementation webinar

Stay tuned, we'll be starting the webinar shortly...



#### **Future midwife:**

Transforming midwifery care for everyone

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#### How this webinar will work

- First, there will be a presentation for approximately 20 minutes
- Then we'll answer any questions you have
- Please feel free to ask any questions you have during the presentation
- You can also email any questions to educationandstandards@nmc-uk.org

### Outline times for the webinar Shursing & Midwifery Council



Time		
12.30	Welcome & introductions	
12.35	Presentation on the Standards of proficiency for midwives and Standards for pre-registration midwifery education	
12.55	Discussion and questions	
13.25	Summing up and next steps	
13.30	Webinar close	

#### The challenge



What standards of proficiency should we set to make sure newly qualified midwives at the point of registration are:

- able to meet the needs, views and preferences of women, newborn infants and families
- safe
- effective
- respectful
- kind and compassionate?

#### Midwifery: the changing context in the UK...



#### The Report of the **Morecambe Bay** Investigation





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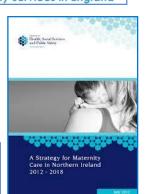
















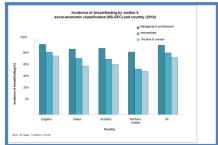
#### Dignity in Childbirth

THE DIGNITY SURVEY 2013: WOMEN'S AND MIDWIVES' EXPERIENCES OF UK MATERNITY CARE













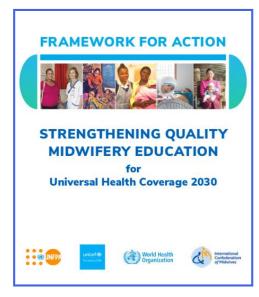
#### ... and internationally



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maternal and newborn health







#### Evidence, key lessons & policy

- Existing and new and emerging evidence
- Changing demographics and population health
- Lessons from key reports and surveys
- National policy in the four countries



## **Evidence from The Lancet Series on Midwifery**

	For all childbearing women and infants		
Practice categories	Education Assessment Promotion of normal processes, prevention of complications	First-line Medical obstetric neonatal services	
Organisation of care	Available, accessible, acceptable, good-quality services—adequate resources, competent workforce  Continuity, services integrated across community and facilities		
Values	Respect, communication, community knowledge, and understanding Care tailored to women's circumstances and needs		
Philosophy	Optimising biological, psychological, social, and cultural processes; strengthening woman's capabilities  Expectant management, using interventions only when indicated		
Care providers	Practitioners who combine clinical knowledge and skills with interpersonal and cultural competence Division of roles and responsibilities based on need, competencies, and resources		

#### The Thought Leadership Group





- Experts and representatives from across a broad range of backgrounds, including:
- Midwives, student midwives, advocates, managers, policymakers, educators and other health and care professionals
- 10 meetings over more than two years

#### **External engagement (1)**







What should the future of midwifery education look like?

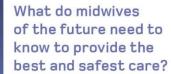
Join us for a twitter chat! Thursday 25 April 7.00 - 8.00pm











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#### **External engagement (2)**







#### **External engagement (3)**

- 600+ people in all four UK countries involved in pre-consultation engagement activities
- 3,000+ people engaged at events or online in consultation opportunities
- 1,600 responses to our consultation survey
- More than 1,000 responses from the public

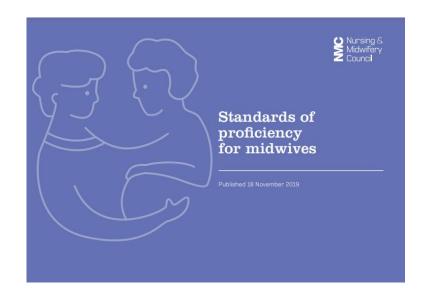


#### NMC governance and review

- Regulatory review
- Legal review
- Thought Leadership Group
- Education Standards Reference Group
- Consultation Assimilation Teams
- Midwifery Panel
- Council



### New standards for the future midwife





Enabling educators and midwives of the future to provide innovative education & the best and safest care for women & newborn infants



#### Key themes in the standards (1)

- Enabling and advocating for human rights of women and newborn infants
- Developing, finding, critiquing, using best evidence
- Taking personal responsibility for ongoing learning and development
- Enabling and advocating for needs, views, preferences, decisions



#### Key themes in the standards (2)

- Understanding local context, connecting with local communities
- Working across the whole continuum of care
- Providing continuity of care and carer
- Coordinating care interdisciplinary and multiagency



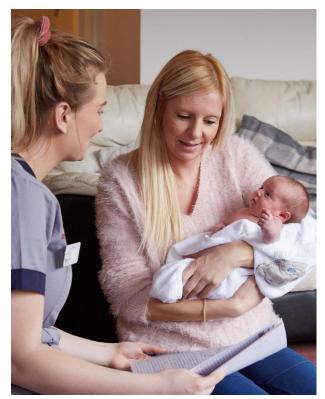
#### Key themes in the standards (3)

- Optimising normal processes
- Anticipating, preventing, responding to complications
- Working to mitigate health and social inequalities
- Physical, psychological, social, cultural, spiritual factors
- Public health, health promotion and protection



#### **Transformative change (1)**

Focussed on the needs, views, preferences and decisions of women and the needs of newborn infants





#### **Transformative change (2)**

Supporting physical, psychological, social, cultural, and spiritual safety





#### **Transformative change (3)**

Understanding the impact of pregnancy, labour and birth, postpartum, infant feeding and the early weeks of life on longer term health and wellbeing



### Standards of proficiency for midwives



Six inter-related domains

Being an accountable, autonomous, professional midwife

The midwife as skilled practitioner

Promoting excellence: the midwife as colleague, scholar and leader The six domains

Additional care for women and newborn infants with complications

Safe and effective midwifery care: promoting and providing continuity of care and carer

Universal care for all women and newborn infants

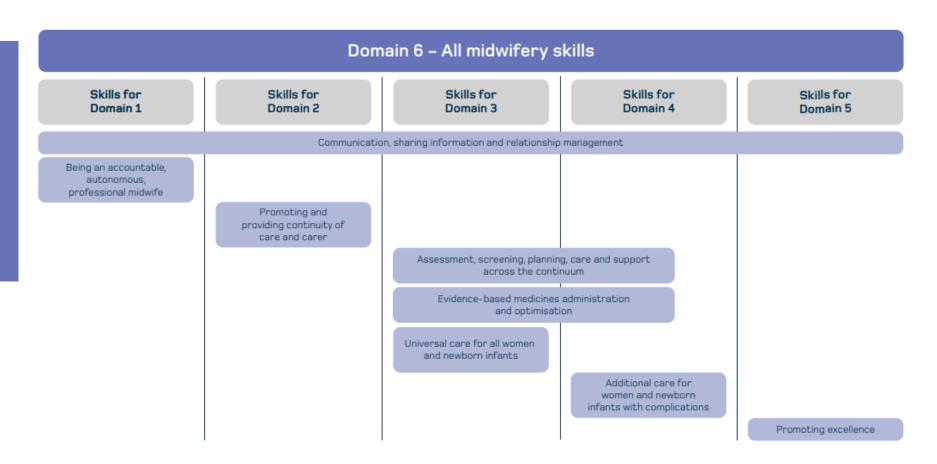




## 6: The midwife as skilled practitioner



Integrating knowledge and skills





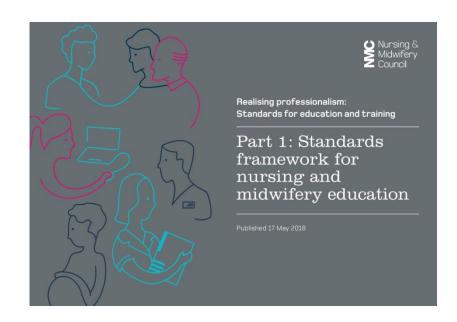
# Standards for pre-registration midwifery programmes

Outcomes focussed & future proofed standards that enable flexibility & pedagogical innovation



#### Part 1

- Learning culture
- Educational governance and quality
- Student empowerment
- Educators and assessors
- Curricula and assessment





#### Part 2

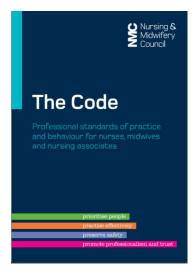
- Effective practice learning
- Supervision of students
- Assessment of students and confirmation of proficiency





#### Part 3

- LME role
- Selection, admission and progression
- Curriculum
- Practice learning
- Supervision and assessment
- Qualification and award







## The NMC's Quality Assurance process

Including 'top tips' for approval

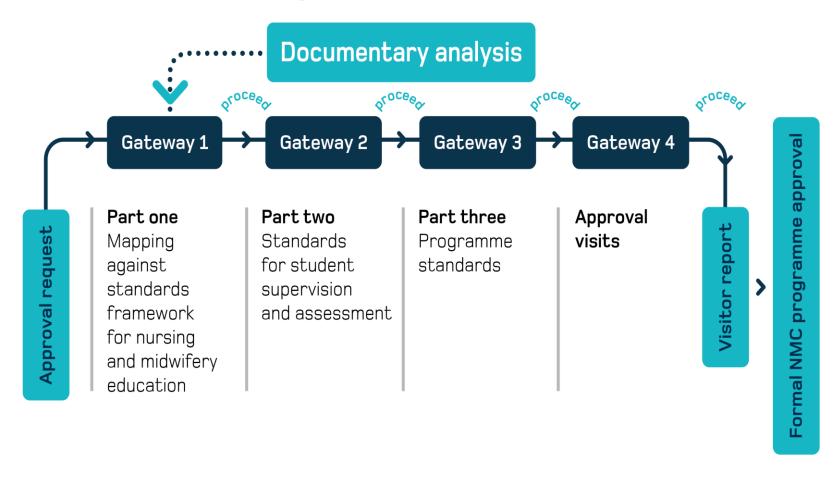
#### **New QA framework**



- Development of a risk based approach
- More emphasis on QA of practice learning
  - Effective practice learning
  - Practice learning allocation/circuit
  - Supervision of students
  - Assessment of students and confirmation of progression and proficiency
- Gateway approach to approval



#### Process of programme approval





#### Programme approval summary

- Some AEIs have gained approval of multiple routes
- Not all AEIs have progressed through the gateways seamlessly
- Conditions set include:
  - Compliance with EU directive
  - Involvement of service users
  - Insufficient emphasis on caring for a range of people



#### Top tips for approvals (1)

Evidence presented at programme level should be explicit to reflect the *Standards framework* for nursing and midwifery education

- commitment to actively engage patients, service users, carers and the public in programme development and the proposed programme delivery
- Evidence and assurance from senior PLP/employers of their understanding, commitment and management to ensure students have supernumerary status
- Arrangements for supervision and assessment



#### **Top Tips for approvals (2)**

#### **Gateway 3:**

- Ensure quality documentary evidence is explicit on how the proposed programme meets the programme and proficiency standards
- When validating different routes ensure the routes are differentiated (direct entry Vs apprenticeship)
- Protected learning time to be explicit for NA and prescribing

#### Gateway 4:

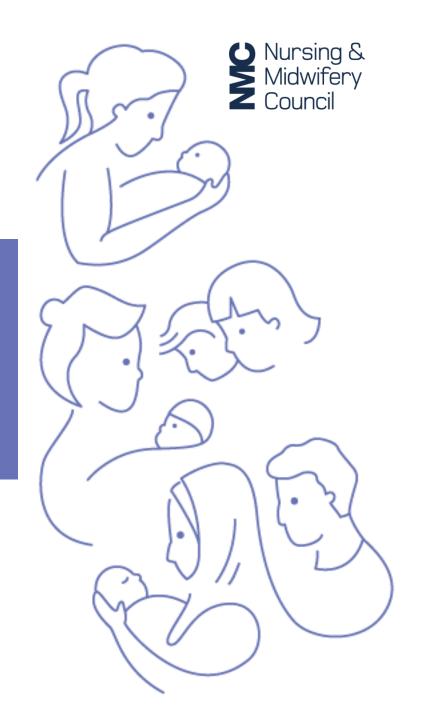
 Demonstrate collaborative partnership working throughout

## What do these standards mean for me?

Time for your questions



Next steps...





### Thank you



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