Standards for supervisors of midwives 2013

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Standards for the preparation and practice of supervisors of midwives (NMC, 2006)

- Standards for admission to the programme
- Standards for initial and subsequent appointment as a supervisor of midwives
- Standards for the structure and nature of the preparation of supervisors of midwives programme
- Competencies for a supervisor of midwives
The proposed new standards for supervisors of midwives 2013
Standards for supervisors of midwives 2013 - review

Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) from September 2013

• All Approved Education Institutions (AEIs)
• AEIs must comply if offering NMC approved courses

Supervisors of midwives standards

• Review takes into account the impact of QAF and the Midwives Rules and standards 2012
Local Supervising Authorities

LSAs
- Have devolved responsibility for QA of the supervision of midwives
  - Annual audit
  - Carry out self-assessment
  - Submit quarterly quality monitoring reports and an annual report

NMC
- Carries out regular LSA reviews and can undertake extraordinary reviews
- Review takes into account the impact of QAF and the Midwives Rules and standards 2012
Proposed standards for supervisors of midwives 2013

Competencies

• Professional values
• Communication and interpersonal skills
• Supervision in practice and decision-making
• Leadership and team working
Education standards

- Safeguarding the public: the Code, QAF
- Equality and diversity: QAF
- Selection, admission, progression and completion:
  - QAF, MRS, LSA, AEI
  - LSA selection process with AEI partners
- Support: student SoMs have a mentor (must be a current SoM)
Education standards

Meet NMC requirements

- Minimum length of programme 26 weeks
- 50/50 practice-based and theory
- Min 90 hours structured learning in practice
- Programme planning teams – LSA, AEI, SoM, service user, student SoM, mentor
Education standards

Practice learning to be safe, effective and appropriate

- Student SoMs must have experience of a range of supervision activity
Education standards

Programme outcomes

- Minimum standard of first degree (NQF level 6, QCF level 6 or equivalent) must be attained
- Mentor and programme leader must confirm that all competencies and outcomes are met
- LME must inform NMC and LSAMO that programme has been successfully completed
Education standards

Programme leader

• Teaching qualification recordable on Register
• Past/current supervisor of midwives
• If not current SoM, current SoM to be on programme development, teaching and assessment teams
Have we got it right?

• Is there anything missing
• Are the standards and competencies appropriate
• Is there something we should leave out
• Is there something we should explain better
• How should we communicate the changes