Contributing to integrated care

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Nursing associates contribute to the provision of care for people, including those with complex needs. They understand the roles of a range of professionals and carers from other organisations and settings who may be participating in the care of a person and their family, and their responsibilities in relation to communication and collaboration.

Outcomes:

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The proficiencies identified below will equip the newly registered nursing associate with the underpinning knowledge and skills required for their role in contributing to integrated care to meet the needs of people across organisations and settings.

At the point of registration, the nursing associate will be able to:

6.1understand the roles of the different providers of health and care. Demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively and in partnership with professionals from different agencies in interdisciplinary teams

6.2understand and explore the challenges of providing safe nursing care for people with complex co-morbidities and complex care needs

6.3demonstrate an understanding of the complexities of providing mental, cognitive, behavioural and physical care needs across a wide range of integrated care settings

6.4understand the principles and processes involved in supporting people and families with a range of care needs to maintain optimal independence and avoid unnecessary interventions and disruptions to their lives

6.5identify when people need help to facilitate equitable access to care, support and escalate concerns appropriately

6.6demonstrate an understanding of their own role and contribution when involved in the care of a person who is undergoing discharge or a transition of care between professionals, settings or services.