



# District Nursing Inclusion Criteria & Services

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## Raising The Profile of District Nursing

### Backbone Of Community Health Care (Queens Nursing Institute)



Aim	Who did you involve	Tests of Change (PDSA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Increase awareness and realise the profile of District Nursing</li> <li>✓ Improve accuracy of referrals</li> <li>✓ Encouraging efficient and effective community nursing</li> <li>✓ To be implemented as part of the new programme of care - Neighbourhood Nursing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ Nursing colleagues</li> <li>☐ Programme Mentor</li> <li>☐ Trust Quality Improvement Team</li> <li>☐ Quality Improvement Facilitator Maggie Morgan Cooke</li> <li>☐ Care Opinion</li> <li>☐ Trust Information Officer</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initiate a small test as part of Phase 1 within Covid-19 guidance to provide baseline learning</li> <li>2. Develop a prototype poster that can be tested at scale as part of Phase 2</li> <li>3. Share and explore the learning from phases 1 and 2 with the Quality Improvement Team. Review the findings to launch the final poster in line with the Trust Guidelines</li> </ol>

**DISTRICT NURSING INCLUSION CRITERIA & SERVICES**

Improved awareness and understanding of District Nursing and its services

Appropriate Referrals and Increased Efficiency

Additional Patient Contact, Person Centred Care and Effective Long-Term Care

**Inclusion Criteria:**

- ✓ Lives in Southern Trust Area
- ✓ 25 Years and Older
- ✓ Unable to leave your house
- ✓ A service District Nursing can provide
- ✓ Agree to Proposed Treatment Plan
- ✓ Unable to complete nursing level personally or via family member

**Service Provided:**

- Treatment in Own Home
- Palliative Support & Care
- Catheter Management
- Medication Provision
- Wound and Skin Presentation

In accordance with the Neighbourhood District Nursing Framework 2019-2026  
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### Data Measures

- District Nursing team of 6 to covers over 17,000 patients
- Approximately 20% of referrals are inaccurate
- The average follow up time for inaccurate referral is 4-5 hours
- 78% of staff feels their role is misunderstood
- 7/10 staff often feel frustrated with the referral process
- "Its usually wrong or not enough information"



## Learning, spreading and what next?

The overall learning has been immense

The successful development of a Quality Improvement Project requires the input from many Stake Holders

With support the project will proceed to the next development stage

Data collection is ongoing and will be continually reviewed

Through my nursing career I will always reflect back on what I have learnt from this program and continue to strive to make a positive difference in nursing

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# My Quality Improvement Journey

Increased Awareness of the District Nursing Service therefore encouraging an efficient and effective service

Increased time to care for patients, reduce hospital admissions and reviewing patients in a timely manner

Developed my knowledge and confidence on both a personal and professional level. As well as this my leadership skills have flourished which has allowed me to transfers these new skills into clinical practice

Enhancing and contributing to the new Neighbourhood Nursing Framework in Northern Ireland

Gained opportunities I would not have had outside the course

Raised my profile as a Practitioner and Future Leader

