



Newly Qualified Nurses and Midwives invited to take part in a European research study

A new research study has been launched on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and the transition of Newly Qualified Nurses and Midwives (NQNM) to their professional role in four European countries (Ireland, UK, Italy and Croatia).

The cross-sectional study is being conducted by the European Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Research in CPD based in the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dublin in partnership with the University of Hull (UK), the University of Genoa (Italy), the Croatian Nursing Council and the Croatian Midwifery Council (Croatia).

The aim of this study is to develop a better understanding of the CPD needs of NQNMs and explore factors associated with CPD participation during the transition period for NQNMs.

There is widespread recognition that many NQNMs find it difficult to make the transition from completing their university course to taking up their first registered nurse/midwife post. Professional support through participation in CPD activities during this critical time is essential for both competence and confidence of NQNMs.

However, there is limited information about the range and extent of CPD activities NQNMs participate in during the first 24 months following graduation.

If you would like to take part in this study (**by completing an anonymous online survey**), further information is available <u>here</u>