Introduction

This issue of Core Brief reminds nurses and midwives of the importance of revalidation and congratulates West Dunbartonshire HSCP on being shortlisted in The Herald Society Awards.

Revalidation for all nurses and midwives in the UK

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) have made the decision to introduce revalidation for all nurses and midwives in the UK. This is the most significant change to professional regulation in a generation.

Revalidation means that everyone on the NMC register will have to demonstrate on a regular basis that they are able to deliver care in a safe, effective and professional way. All nurses and midwives will have to show they are staying up to date in their practice and living the values of the NMC Code, by reflecting on their practice and engaging in discussions with colleagues. For the first time, they will also have to obtain confirmation that they have met all the requirements before they apply to renew their place on the register every three years.

All 685,000 nurses and midwives on the NMC’s register will go through the new process from 1st April 2016 as their registration becomes due for renewal over the course of the next three years. More detail on the new guidance can be found on the NMC website at: http://www.nmc.org.uk/standards/revalidation/revalidation-guidance-and-resources

The Society Awards 2015

Congratulations go to West Dunbartonshire HSCP which has been shortlisted in The Herald Society Awards in not one but two categories!

- Health and Social Care Integration Award – Palliative Care Programme
  The Palliative Care Programme involves a range of staff from across health and social care working seamlessly together with patients and carers, to adapt services to be more responsive; provide integrated care through changing and challenging circumstances; and enabling people to die in their own homes whenever possible.

- Legacy 2014 Award - Vitality Plus
  West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership and West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust developed Vitality Plus, which provides high quality and fun interactive physical activity classes for older people living in residential homes or attending day centres.

The awards will be presented at a gala awards evening on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow.