



Transforming PERCEPTIONS of NURSING and MIDWIFERY

Ambassadors' Welcome Pack



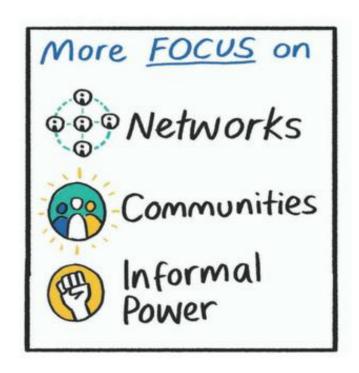




About the Transforming Perceptions of Nursing and Midwifery Programme

The Perceptions of Nursing and Midwifery work led by Professor Jane Cummings, Chief Nursing Officer for England was launched in March 2017 at the CNO Summit. The key activities since then are:

- Ideas Channel open for six weeks from December 2017 – it generated 250 ideas from 25,000 interactions.
- 10 Building Blocks and 10 Enemies developed from looking at what the ideas were telling us,
- Chief Nurses, Head of Midwifery and Directors of Nursing asked to nominate a key nurse and midwife to represent their organisation and create a community of Ambassadors to lead the work locally,
- 30 Day Challenges developed to respond to these findings and to build positive perceptions of the professions.

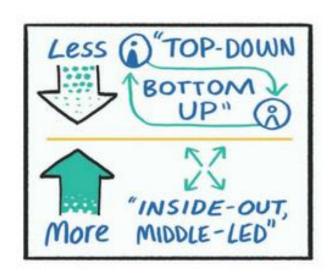


There are three core themes for the programme: **education**; **nursing and midwifery workforce**; and **key influencers**.

Congratulations on becoming an Ambassador!

The aim of the ambassador roles is to re-ignite the passion that nurses and midwives have for their profession: increasing job satisfaction, improving retention and, through the project work and connecting them with a network of like-minded colleagues to share, learn and spread innovative ways of working.

Our aspiration is that this will be infectious: creating a social movement that will support the work of nursing and midwifery ambassadors at local, regional and national levels to change the perceptions of nursing and midwifery.





BUILDING BLOCKS for positive perceptions

Thousands of nurses, midwives, and patients have designed these building blocks.





















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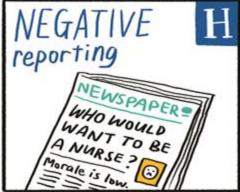




10 core themes emerge which were identified as the most critical barriers that impacted on the perceptions of NURSING and MIDWIFERY.











Making a difference

The role of the nursing and midwifery ambassador is to:

- Act as a local ambassador for nursing and midwifery, representing our professions in a positive light and by doing so, building awareness and positive perceptions
- Create a bridge between activities to promote nursing and midwifery locally and the nationwide campaign
- Speak for local organisations and the nurses and/or midwives in them within the national campaign
- Bring back the ideas and calls to action from the national campaign and customise, remix and reshape them so they will work in a local context



Ambassadors will also lead the 30 Day Challenges within their local organisations – translating the challenge to be meaningful to their own opportunities and challenges to improve perceptions of nursing and midwifery.

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Support for Ambassadors

The programme support team is available for guidance and encouragement

contact Bev Matthews <u>bev.matthews@nhs.net</u>

Join our monthly Virtual Community sessions on the last Wednesday of the month, 6pm to 7pm

A briefing pack will be shared for each 30 Day Challenge which will include relevant materials such as:

- A blog setting out the challenge
- Example templates and guidance sheet
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Activity planner
- Suggestions for sharing

Things to start doing now

You might may like to:

- Make contact with your organisation's Chief Nurse/Director of Nursing
- Make contact with other departments that might be able to help you with the monthly challenges. For example, Communications and Engagement, medical staff, estates, domestics, catering, governors, patient groups.
- Get on Twitter if you aren't already loads of great resources, connections, networks. Find like-minded people through the programme hashtags #FutureNursing #FutureMidwifery.
- Join the <u>Perceptions Facebook group</u>
- Make sure you're able to access <u>Zoom</u> for the virtual community meetings (if you're accessing it from work you might need to get in touch with your IT department).



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