

Developing Nursing and Midwifery Research Priorities: A Health Service Executive (HSE) North West Study

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

nursing and midwifery

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

Europe - Ireland

Why was it conducted at all?

The rationale for the study was underlined during meetings of HSE north West Directors of Nursing and Midwifery in January 2011. It was agreed that a more strategic approach to generating synergy among nursing and midwifery research, evaluation, and evidence-based practice should be developed through the Nursing and Midwifery Planning and Development Unit.

What was the objective?

to identify research priorities for nurses and midwives across the Health Service Executive (HSE) North West region

What was the outcome?

a list of 6 research topics

How long did the research prioritization take?

March 2011 - December 2011

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

Delphi

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: Delphi round 1: survey asking participants: What questions in relation to clinical practice, education, and management do we need better answers to? What gaps are there in the knowledge that we need for clinical practice, education, and management? What information do we need to enhance our clinical practice, education, and management?, also participants were asked to provide statements. Step 2: data processing: content analysis. Step 3: Delphi round 2: round table discussions: participants were asked to consider priority topics identified during round 1 and to engage in round table discussions, topics were then refined down to three identified priorities relating to nursing and midwifery practice, education, and management. Step 4: Delphi round 3: round table discussions: participants were asked to consider all topics and to rank them for nursing and midwifery practice, education, and management, three topics were further ranked in terms of overall importance

Which stakeholders took part?

Registered nurses and midwives. Delphi round 1: 172 participants. Delphi round 2: participants: 27 participants.

How were stakeholders recruited?

Participants were nominated by Directors of Nursing and Midwifery across the region.

Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.