



**Adult Social Care Nursing Advisory Council (SCNAC)**  
**NORTHWEST Region Quarterly Meeting 03 – Wednesday 8th January 2025**

<b><u>Attending:</u></b>		
Karen Davies	-	Chair of Northwest SCNAC & Senior Nurse, HC-One
Michelle Howarth	-	Co-Chair of Northwest SCNAC & Senior Engagement Fellow, Edge Hill University
Deborah Sturdy	-	Chief Nurse for Social Care, DHSC
Abbie Cliffe	-	Clinical Lead for Cavalry Care
Barbara Johnson	-	Director of Nursing, Risedale Estates
Bexx Bennett	-	Regional Clinical Lead, Helping Hands (Dom Care)
Christine Douglas	-	ICB CNO and Director of Nursing, Cheshire & Merseyside ICB
Maxine Emslie	-	Admiral Nurse
Jez Ashdown	-	Regional & National Nursing Lead for Skills for Care
Julie York	-	CIC
Keith Ley	-	Chapel House Care
Sarah Kennedy	-	Senior Lecturer at University of Bolton
Lindsey Dawson	-	Head of Area (Northwest) for Skills for Care
Melissa Stanton	-	Lead Nurse Independent Health & Social Care, RCN
Michelle Ashworth	-	Attending on behalf of Emma Orton from NWAS
Michelle Tennant	-	Clinical Governance Lead for Home Instead
Sue Noon	-	Social Care and PIVO Workforce Development Manager, Cheshire & Merseyside ICB
Pauline Palmer-Charlery	-	NMC Regulation Adviser Employment Link Service
Peter Weller	-	NHS Greater Manchester ICB
Liz Williams	-	Head of Education & Training, Lancashire & South Cumbria
Beverly Gallagher	-	UEC Transformation Manager, Out of Hospital, NHSE Northwest
Claire Pryor	-	RCN Foundation Chair in ASC Nursing, University of Salford
Adele Thornburn	-	NHS Lead Nurse
Catherine Croughan	-	Nurse Paramedic, Edgehill University
Gage Bradford	-	Student of Edgehill University
Lucie Fowler	-	Student of Edgehill University
Christopher Witham	-	Student of Edgehill University
Sonia Pritchard	-	EA for the Outstanding Society and SCNACs Administrator
Lucy Knight	-	VIVALDI Co-ordinator & SCNACs Admin for the Outstanding Society
<b><u>Apologies:</u></b>		
Jackie Hanson	-	NHSE Regional Nurse, Northwest
James McLean	-	NHSE Regional Nurse, Northwest



Mandy Philbin	-	ICB CNO, Greater Manchester
Joanne Murray	-	Home Manager for Caring UK
Melanie Stephens	-	Associate Professor Adult Nursing, Salford University
Alison Small	-	General Manager, Belsfield Care
Pauline Bradshaw	-	NHSE Deputy Director of Nursing (Clinical Quality) Northwest
Alan Fry	-	Head of Operations, The Outstanding Society
Craig Priestly	-	Manager, Gorseley Clough Nursing Home
Emma Orton	-	NWAS

Please see the attached spreadsheet for the action points of this meeting.

**Date of Future Meetings:**

3rd April 2025 at 11.30am

**Summary Notes:**

**Nursing Integration and Financial Challenges:** Deborah Sturdy discussed her idea for integrating nursing, which received a positive response from the Secretary of State. She emphasised the importance of pushing the nursing agenda due to the challenges in the profession, including financial constraints.

**Weekly Meetings on Social Care:** Sue inquired about the Secretary of State's weekly meetings on social care. Deborah Sturdy explained that these meetings are significant as they show a high level of interest from the Secretary of State, which was not seen before.

**Funding for Nursing Associates:** Barbara thanked Deborah Sturdy for securing funding for nursing associates, which has made a significant difference. She also highlighted the challenges of digitisation and rural broadband costs. Deborah agreed to feed this back to the lead on digitisation in social care.

**Social Care Capacity Building Programme:** Michelle discussed the NIHR social care capacity building programme and the need to galvanise people to take advantage of research opportunities. Deborah Sturdy suggested contacting Zena Aldridge for maximising these opportunities.

**Safe Transfer of Care:** Adele Thornton presented on the work done in Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board regarding safe transfer of care (presentation attached). The focus was on improving the quality of admission handovers and addressing issues related to extended stays in emergency departments.

**Nurse Paramedic Programme:** Catherine Croughan and her students presented the Nurse Paramedic Programme at Edge Hill University. They discussed the benefits of the dual role in Nursing and Paramedicine, including the ability to provide holistic care and reduce hospital admissions.

**Future of Nurse Paramedic Role:** Christine and Sue raised questions about the future of the Nurse Paramedic role and its potential impact. Catherine acknowledged the need for support from the system to create job roles that utilise the dual qualification effectively.



**Research and Collaboration Opportunities:** Michelle emphasised the importance of research and collaboration in social care. She mentioned ongoing efforts to explore joint research opportunities and the need to generate an evidence base for future initiatives.