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Minutes of Meeting of the Taskforce on Staffing and Skill Mix for Nursing – Phase II 13th April 2017, Conference Room 227, Department of Health 2 pm		
Meeting called by:	Dr. Siobhan O' Halloran (SOH)	Type of meeting: Minutes of Meeting of the Taskforce on Staffing and Skill Mix for Nursing – Phase II
Attendees:	Ms Sinead Lardner (SL), Dr Siobhan O'Halloran, Professor Jonathan Drennan (JD), Professor Robert Crouch (RC), Mr Paddy Barrett (PB), Ms Mary Wynne (MW), Ms Bernie Stenson (BS), Ms Phil Ní Sheaghda (PNS), Professor Dr Gerry McCarthy (GMC), Ms Mr Kevin Figgis (KF), Ms Edna Hoare (EH), Ms Margaret Gleeson (MG), Mr PJ Hathaway (PJH), Mr p(PB), Professor Anne Scott (AS), Ms Sharon Dwyer (SD), Ms Fiona McDaid (FMD)	
Presenters:	Ms Sinead Lardner (SL), Dr Gerry McCarthy (GMCC), Ms Fiona McDaid (FMD)	
Teleconference:	Professor Garry Courtney (GC), Ms Susanna Byrne (SB), Mr Richard Walsh (RW)	
Apologies:	Dr Philippa Ryan Withero (PRW),	
Purpose of the Meeting:	Meeting of the Taskforce on Staffing and Skill Mix for Nursing	
Agenda Item	Whom	Discussion
Welcome & Membership	SOH	SOH welcomed those attending this meeting and those who joined the meeting by teleconference. Apologies were also noted. SOH congratulated JD on the comprehensive research, noting that it will be the biggest research project in the Department of Health when completed.
Actions	SL	The actions from the last meeting have been completed
Communication - Newsletter	SOH	The new issue of the Newsletter was presented.
Presentation on overview of NEMP	GMC	GMC delivered a presentation on the National Emergency Medicine Programme (NEMP) designed to improve the safety and quality of care in Emergency Departments. This goal is to be achieved by introducing initiatives such as the Irish Children's Triage System improving the process of ambulance handover and designing an Emergency Care Network across Ireland. Discussion centered on the figures of patients leaving without completion of treatment in particular the large disparity in figures (13-50%) and the varied reasons for this outcome.
Presentation on overview of EMEWS	FMD	FMD delivered a presentation on the Emergency Medicine Early Warning Systems (EMEWS), a new strategy designed to improve patient care in emergency departments which will improve monitoring of condition of patients in the waiting room and increase effectiveness of providing care in emergency care units in times of high patient density. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Project Plan - overview	SOH	SOH provided an update on progress, confirming that the overall timeline remains in place for all projects.

Supportive Research	SOH	SOH congratulated JD and his team on the research which is nearing completion. JD outlined the research – he listed the methods used in the research, adding that further research will provide more data. [REDACTED] JD concluded that collecting and analyzing the data is a big challenge and requires continuing work to ensure the data collected fully corresponds with the requirements of research.
Discussion on Assumption 4	SL	[REDACTED] It was agreed that PET measures and other Patient experience measures are agreed for inclusion.
Date of next meeting	Group	The next meeting was confirmed for 25 May 2017.
Actions		
Item	Assigned to	
JD to finalise the research report and submit it to the DOH	JD	