

Nursing (AHP) is part of the Nursing and Allied Health Professionals Directorate, led by Emily Roberts.

## **Areas of responsibility**

- Public health, community nursing, primary care, child protection.
- Acute and children's services, cancer and palliative care, quality and standards.
- Mental health, elderly care, learning disability and physical disability.
- Professional regulation, education, workforce planning and development, research and development activities.
- Providing advice on all matters relating to children's services; professional input into the development, monitoring and review of policy with regards to children's services; promoting the agenda for children across Northern Ireland in relation to policy, practice and education, and liaising closely with colleagues in developing children's services.
- Provision of health facility planning/nursing advice on all major capital/Priorities for Action (PfA) schemes in Northern Ireland.
- Business case analysis.
- Decontamination.
- Healthcare associated infections (HCAs) in relation to the estate, clinical waste management and management of medical devices.
- Monitoring and investigation of adverse incidents reported to the Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC).
- Chair of GAIN Medical Devices Committee.
- Emergency planning.
- Providing leadership in digital health which includes the general use of information and communication technologies for managing data and information to enable the transformation of health and care services - improving patient care outcomes and experience, improving clinical safety, and increasing sustainability.

## **Nursing leads**

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