

## Lothian Area Nursing and Midwifery Committee: Call for Nominations (2022)



The Lothian Area Nursing and Midwifery Committee (LANMAC) last met in 2019 and was paused during the pandemic. We are now looking to refresh the membership and look towards new ways of working. We would like to invite nurses, midwives and health care support workers from all parts of NHS Lothian and our partners to consider getting involved.

### What Members Do

The formal Statutory Professional Advisory Committee role:	Although this sounds formal what this really means is you will be:	During 2019 this involved:	What we aim to do in 2022 and beyond:
Advising and alerting the Board on professional nursing and midwifery issues via the Area Clinical Forum and Nurse Director	Having your voice heard at the highest levels of the organisation	Contributing to the Executive Nurse Director's Strategy for Nursing in Lothian	Help shape the next Strategy for Nursing and Midwifery in Lothian – including reflecting on what has worked well during the pandemic
Advising the Board and its sub committees on the contribution of nurses and midwives to the design and delivery of safe, effective, person centred care and corporate objectives and strategies	Making sure that the unique contribution of nurses and midwives is reflected in all Lothian strategy and corporate objectives	Establishing a Patient Outcomes Programme Board which will deliver an assurance and accreditation programme across all of the nursing and midwifery teams in Lothian	Continue to progress the work around assurance and patient outcomes – and linking this to important issues such as the Safe Staffing Legislation
Independently reviewing, advising or requesting evidence of the quality of nursing/midwifery, professional practice, education, research, management and leadership	Checking out what is actually happening across professional practice, education, research, management and leadership	By amalgamating the DNG and LANMAC meetings and inviting key people to our joint meetings to make presentations and answer questions	Consider the implications for findings of research studies that have focussed on nursing and midwifery issues and make recommendations to Nursing and Midwifery Leaders

### Who are we looking for?

LANMAC welcomes nominations from individuals interested in advancing and influencing the nursing and midwifery professions. It is important to have representation within the committee's membership that reflects the diversity of nursing and midwifery. No matter what role you have in the nursing and midwifery job family your contribution is equally valid so Clinical Support Workers, Student Nurses, Staff Nurses, and Charge Nurses, Community Nurses, School Nurses, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Advanced Practitioners, Research Nurses, Managers and all other non ward nurses are all encouraged to apply.

### **Why do it?**

This is a good opportunity for frontline nurses and midwives to influence the work we do every day. It will also give you a “different” experience to add to your CV and is an excellent networking opportunity for you with colleagues across the organisation. There are opportunities to work directly with the NMAHP Leadership group. Being on the committee will also involve taking part in development sessions that will also help support your ongoing CPD and contribute towards your revalidation (for registered nurses and midwives).

### **What would the commitment be?**

You would be expected to attend the LANMAC meetings, which would take place four times a year. At the moment meetings would be via Microsoft Teams but we would hope to meet in person again when this is safe and appropriate. The meetings last two hours. In preparation for each meeting there would be papers to read and these would be sent to you at least one week in advance. You would be expected to read these and to note down your thoughts on them and any questions you would like to bring to the meeting. There may also be specific actions after each meeting that would be discussed and agreed.

There may be the opportunity to get involved in individual pieces of work that would involve other meetings (known as Short Life Working Groups) that relate to your specialist area of practice. Occasionally you may be invited to attend events either in NHS Lothian or externally in your role as a LANMAC member.

### **How to Apply**

Feel free to get in touch with either Fiona Ireland or Juliet MacArthur (details below) for more information. If you think you are interested, first of all talk to your line manager and get their support. Application will be by means of a nomination form, which needs to be signed by your line manager and the Associate Nurse Director/Chief Nurse for your service or the Director of Midwifery. Nomination does not always mean that you will be accepted into the role; this really depends on how many nominations are received from different parts of the organisation and from different levels of nursing and midwifery as we need to have a good balance.

### **For further Details**



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