

Where Learning really DOES matter



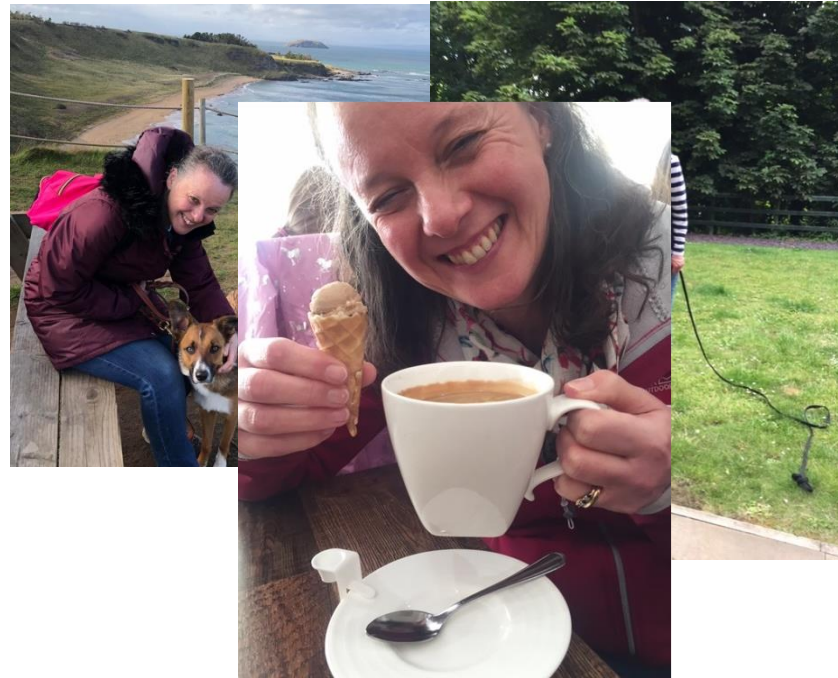
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INTRODUCTION

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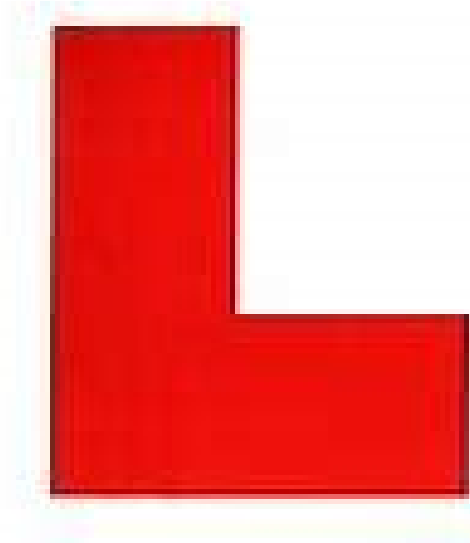
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- **Theory without practice is a foundation without the superstructure.**
- **Practice without theory is the superstructure without the foundation.**
- **The former is useless. The latter is dangerous.”**

**(William Noyce Kernott 1875
in Rasmussen 2004)**

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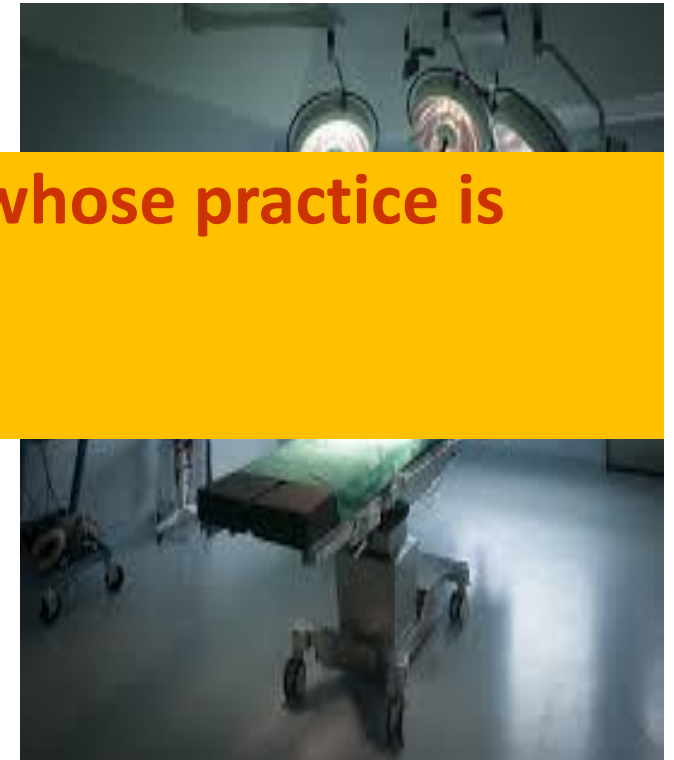
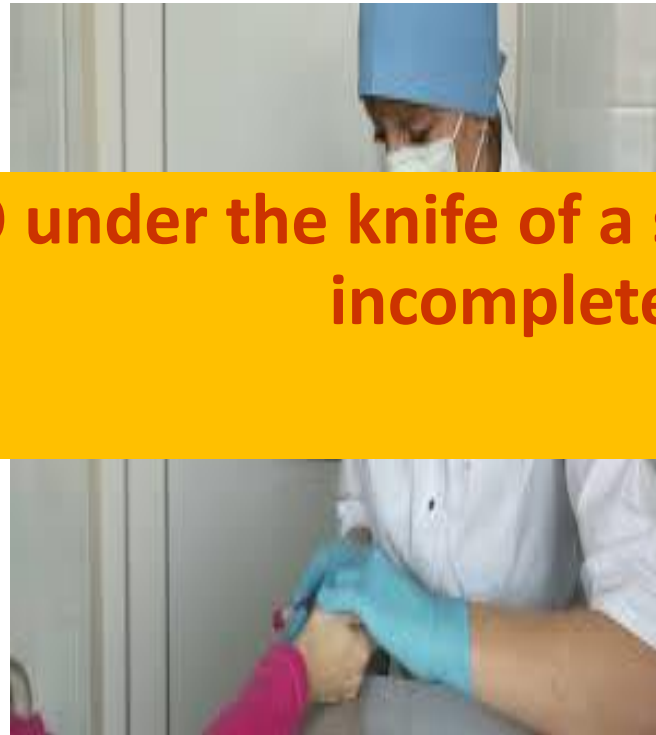


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Skills

Knowledge

Practice



Would you GO under the knife of a surgeon whose practice is incomplete

The process

No students

Student Nurses

Social Work Students

Physiotherapy Students

Occupational Therapy Students

Paramedic Students

Our own students



“Without guidance to apply research, theory and knowledge from sociology, psychology, health and human growth and development to social work practice”



The theory doughnut...



However much you decorate it... there is a hole in the centre

Why.....bother..... You have enough going on without supporting students... **BUT CONSIDER THIS**

WHO



Myths & media

presentation of modern day students

The reality of professional programmes within Universities such as nursing, social work, OT

What



Students – Professional programmes

Slightly older

Both life and work experienced

Balancing studying/working/life experiences

Degree qualified

WHY

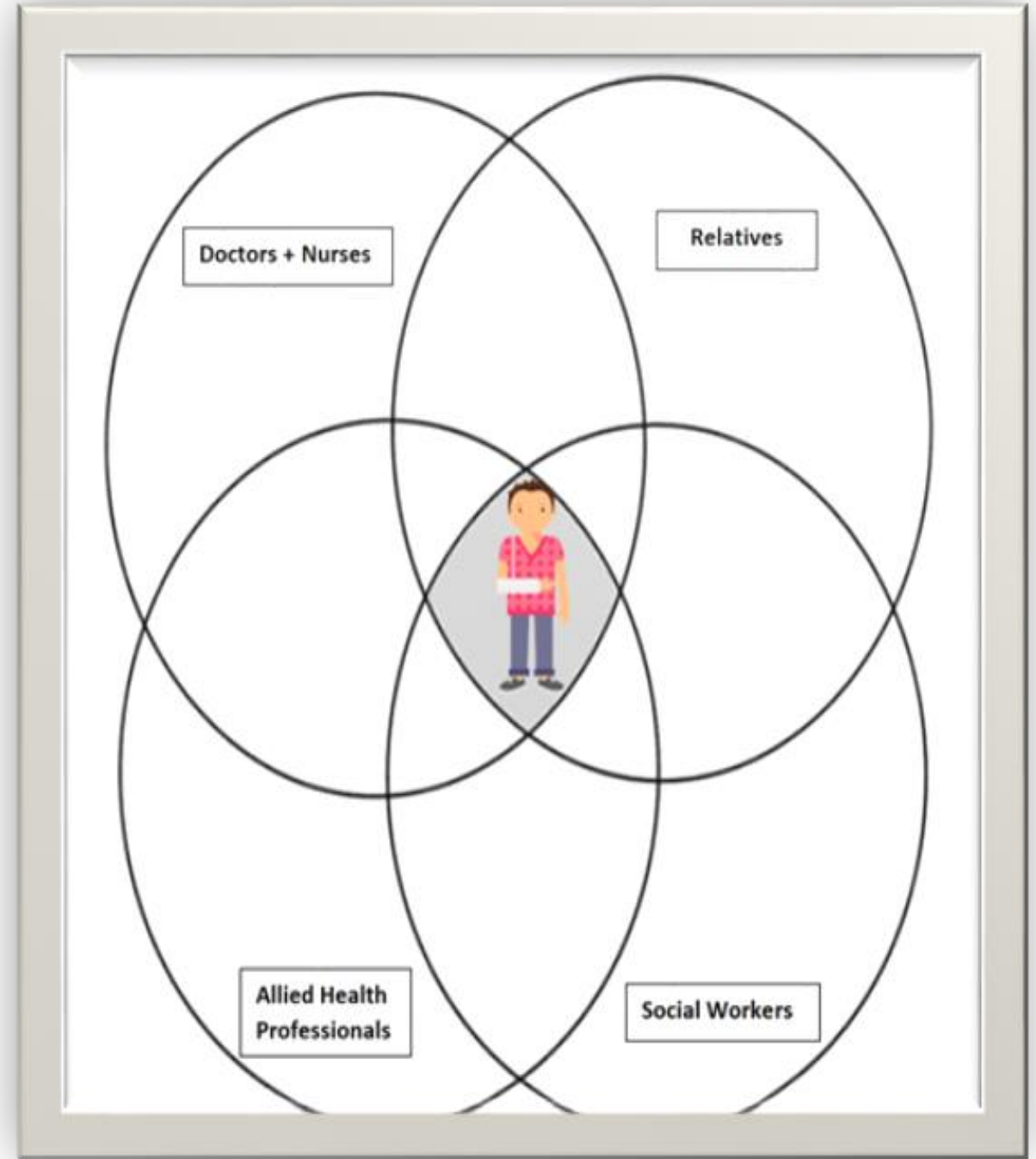
**“TELL ME AND I FORGET.
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INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN.”**

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Students bring & you get

- Skills to the existing staff group
- Enhance the quality of services
- See and say things that you and your staff may not see or feel able to say
- Reduce/share workloads

We have some exceptional practitioners and students who should be working together with academics to co-produce the social work knowledge base & practice -- and fill that hole!





Next steps







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