

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

Pat Cullen is the Assistant Director of Nursing, Safety Quality and Patient Experience.



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 (HCIs) 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

Name	Title
Heather Reid	Director of Nursing, Midwifery and AHP
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