

Directorate General Health Care Services : Nursing Services Directorate

The Nursing Services Directorate was established in 1998 with the primary focus of strategy development for the nursing and midwifery professions within the public sector. The Directorate is currently under the directorship of Mr. Vincent Saliba. He is assisted by two Chief Nursing Managers, two Senior Nursing Managers, one Senior Practice Nurse, two Charge Nurses, one Deputy Charge Midwife, and an Assistant Principal Officer who provides assistance in the administration and operations of the Directorate.

Mission Statement:

To promote excellence in all aspects of nursing and midwifery services and in leading, supporting and coordinating of such services in Malta and Gozo.

Vision Statement:

The provision of high quality patient care through the promotion of evidence based practice and continuous advancement of nursing and midwifery professional practice.

Responsibilities:

- a. To manage, coordinate and supports the nursing and midwifery services under the Ministry of Health.
- b. To assist and collaborate in the recruitment and deployment of nurses and midwives across all entities and ensure adequate staffing levels within the national health services.
- c. To engage in the development of nursing and midwifery services in the Primary and Community, Secondary and Tertiary Health Care settings
- d. To set benchmarks for quality nursing and midwifery services in conjunction with the relevant stakeholders as part of the health care licensing, credentialing and regulatory mechanisms

- e. To engage in local and international nursing research and projects in relation to the development of quality initiatives for nursing and midwifery services in Malta
- f. To develop the international profile of nursing and midwifery and services in Malta as part of an overall commitment to the improvement of health care delivery
- g. To support the development of the national nursing and midwifery education and training to reflect recent advances in health science and evidenced – based practice being an integral part of the process of quality health care delivery

General Description of the Categories of Documents held:

- Databases
- Standard Operation Procedures
- Policy Documents
- Annual Reports
- Job Descriptions

Description of all manuals and similar types of documents which contain policies, principles or rules or guidelines in accordance with which decisions or recommendations are made in respect of members of the public:

- Rules of Procedure

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