



**Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland Submission**

**Response to:** Department of Health

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**Question:**

NMBI asked for an update on progress on Action 48 in the National Drugs Strategy. One section of this relates to nurse/midwife training. I attach the update for 2012 and ask that you would update (ii) of this relating to your area for 2013 please.

Action 48 - Pillar actions

(ii) nurse and midwife training to ensure that those qualifying are familiar with relevant drug treatment issues and alternative care pathways. **An Bord Altranais** Progress to date 2012

(ii) A framework for Nurses and Midwives in Acute, Primary and Community Care Settings was developed in 2011 to provide a standardised approach for the education and training of Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals who undertake screening and brief intervention.

The education programme for this framework was piloted across 6 sites during 2012. (See also Action 36).

**Response:**

NMBI are aware of the requirement of the DoH to include teaching related to supporting the National Drugs Strategy in the curriculum of the undergraduate education programme. All current education programmes include health promotion, health education and disease

prevention. NMBI is currently undertaking a review of the Requirements and Standards for all nurses' education programmes. The revised Requirements and Standards will contain a requirement that education providers include a large module in Health Promotion, Health Education and Disease Prevention. In the module issues associated with management of substance use and misuse and the treatment and alternative care pathways and management options in Acute, Primary and Community settings will be an expectation.

In reviewing the progress to date in 2012 for the National Drugs Strategy 2012 and Action 48 attributed to An Bord Altranais we note the reference to Action 36 and the responsibility with the HSE. Please note that the HSE applied for Post-registration Category 1 approval of a programme entitled "Screening and Brief Intervention (SBI) for Problem Alcohol Use in Acute, Primary and Community Care Settings", that was reviewed as having 6 continuing education Units (CEU's) in November 2011. This programme was approved for delivery throughout 2012. No further approval applications have been received by this office in relation to this course.

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