



Bord Altranais agus
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Nursing and Midwifery
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Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives (2014).

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- **What is the purpose of the Code?**

The purpose of the Code is to guide nurses and midwives in their day to day practice and help them understand their professional responsibilities in caring for patients in a safe, ethical and effective way.

Legislative basis – The Nurses and Midwives Act (2011).



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Principles

1. Respect for the Dignity of the Person
2. Professional Responsibility and Accountability
3. Quality and Practice
4. Trust and Confidentiality
5. Collaboration with others.

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- Why update now?
- Legislative changes -
 - Health (Regulations of Termination of Pregnancy) Act (2018)
 - Data Protection Act (2018)
 - Patient Safety Bill (2018)
 - Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act (2015)
 - Civil Liability (Amendment) Act (2017)
- National policy documents
 - Update the Code – Consultation regarding the recent Statement of Strategy (NMBI)
 - Take cognisance of the practice and care settings where nurses and midwives work.

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- Timelines

October 2019 – May 2020.

January/February 2020.

“Your Code – Have your say”.

Embracing and reaffirming the principles of the Code.

Challenge to design a Code that is a living working document that nurses and midwives can refer to, for concrete guidance when required (Kangasniemi et al, 2015).



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- Questions



