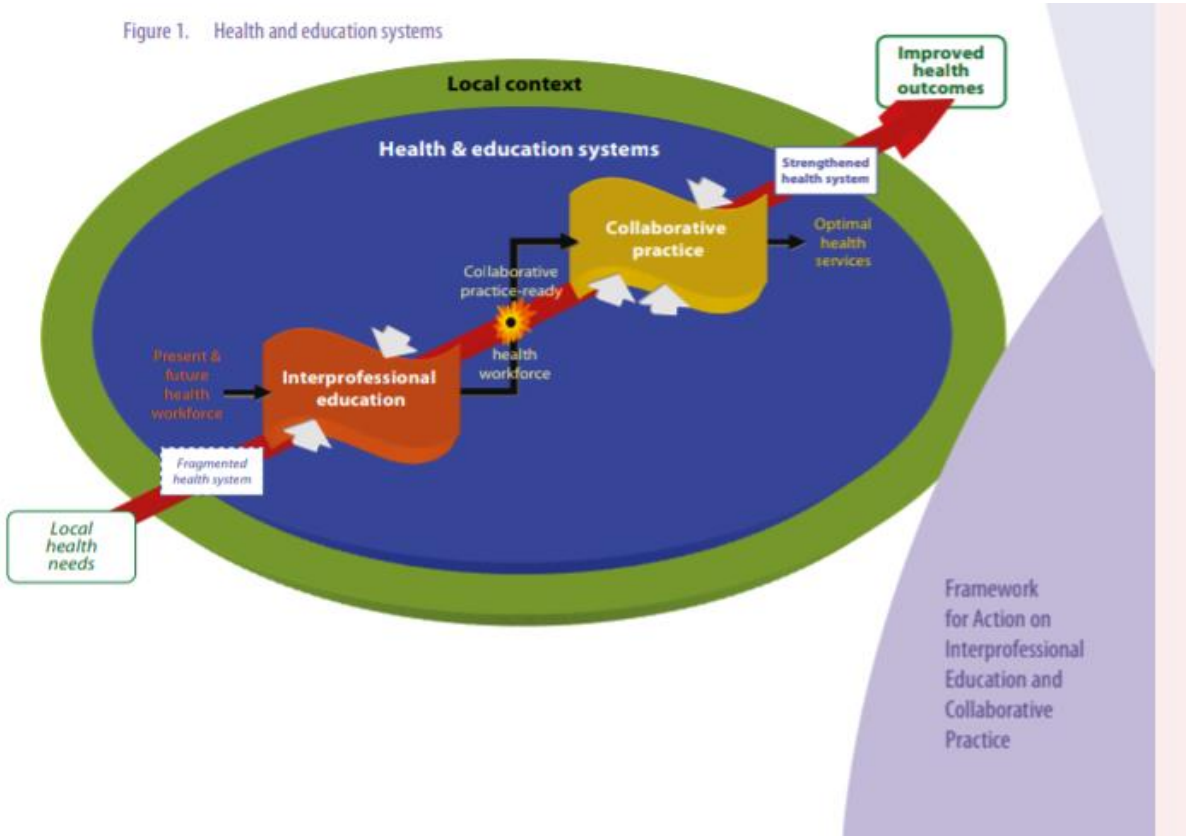
Creating Opportunities for Interprofessional Education in General Practice Placements

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Framework for Action on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice (Nursing and Midwifery document) WHO 2010

All Wales Principles for Interprofessional Learning Placement Experiences HEIW 2022

"Interprofessional placement learning opportunities will equip students to meet contemporary service objectives to expand generalist skills and promote seamless integration of services, particularly through exposure to professional groups students are likely to work with in their future careers"

Practice Nursing as a placement promoting interprofessional learning:

<u>Opportunities in the surgery:</u>

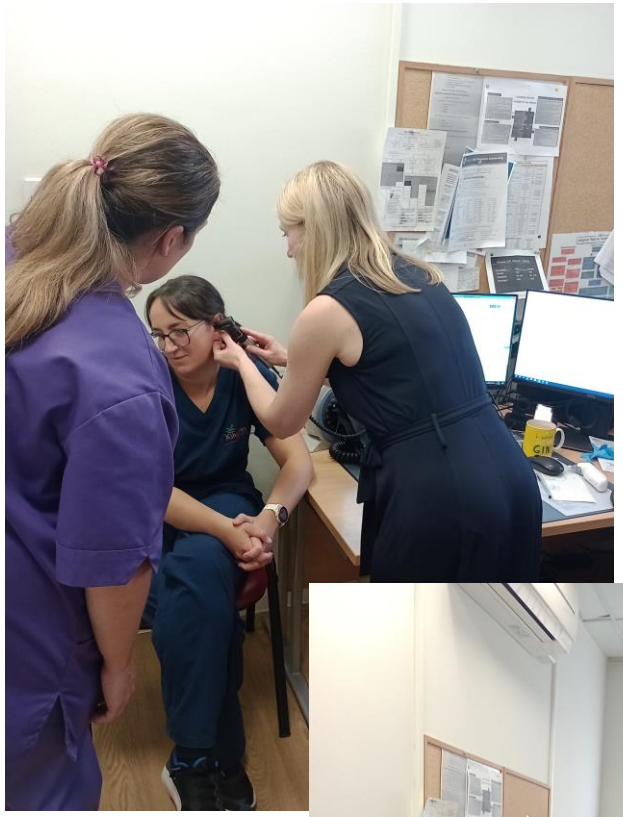
- Community Physiotherapy Team
- Physicians Associates
- Primary Care Pharmacists
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Team:
    - Counsellors
    - CBT Practitioners
    - Community Drug and Alcohol team
- Health Visitors
- GP Contraceptive practitioners
    - Coil and contraceptive implant fitters
- GP minor surgery theatre sessions

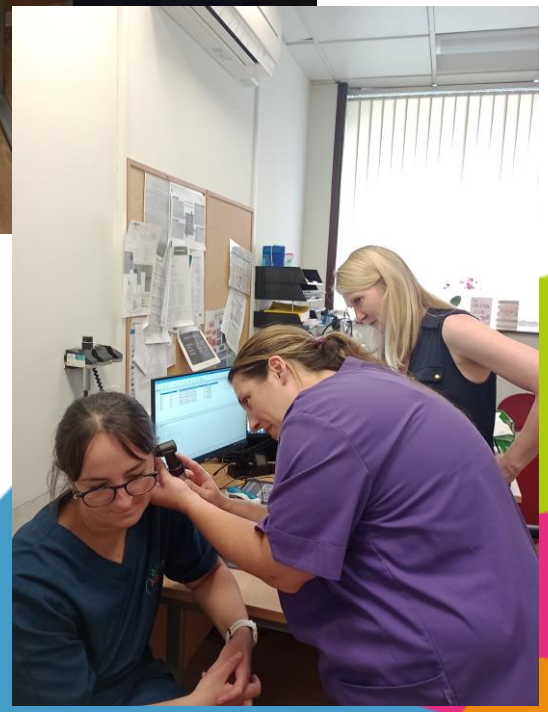
<u>Opportunities within the wider primary healthcare team:</u>

- Podiatrists
- Dieticians
- Community Specialist Nurses:
    - Respiratory
    - Diabetes
    - Tissue Viability and Lymphoedema
    - Homelessness support
    - Parkinson's disease
    - ENT
    - Advanced Care Planning




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Practice Nursing as a placement promoting interprofessional learning:

Interprofessional learning in the surgery setting:

- Physicians Associate Students
- Medical Students
- Pharmacy Students
- Nursing Students

Study sessions

- Regular teaching sessions with students of all disciplines run by professionals of all disciplines


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PERSEVERANCE

Practice Nursing has not been a favoured community placement for some years

HEIW placement scoping in 2022 revealed of the **395** identified General Practice surgeries in Wales, only **18** supported pre-registration nursing student placements.

This led to the commencement of the Primary Care Practice Education Facilitator (PEF) role which has led to an increase to 40 surgeries now supporting student nurse placements in the last 12 months

Myths remain however, about the suitability of General Practice as a pre-registration placement:

MYTH: “All practice Nurses are older, it's a choice to end your career with not start it”

- 48.6% of general practice nurses are 50 or over and only 3.1% are under 30:

Wales National Workforce Reporting System (May 2024)

- Professional Development opportunities:
  - General Practice Nurse Academy Programme
  - MSc Community Health Studies (Practice Nursing) Specialist Practitioner Qualification
  - MSc Advanced Nursing Practice
  - Non-Medical Independent Prescribing

MYTH: "Practice Nursing involves taking bloods and blood pressures and not much more"

- Chronic disease management
- Contraception and sexual health
- Menopause care and HRT
- Screening programmes such as cytology
- Immunisation
- Travel Health
- Minor Illness
- Anticoagulation
- Learning disability and cancer care
- Independent prescribing

All Wales Practice Nurse Competency Framework document (HEIW 2021)

MYTH: "It's not possible to go straight into practice nursing after qualifying so not much point having a placement there"

- General Practice Nurse Academy Programme (HEIW 2022/23)

- Ensuring that Nursing in GP settings is seen as an attractive career option for newly qualified nurses.

Nursing in Numbers (RCN Wales 2023)


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