

# **PNAE**

**Paediatric Nursing Associations  
of Europe**

## **Re-registration and Continuing Professional Development requirements of Paediatric Nurses in Europe**

### **A Position Statement by the Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe (PNAE)**

#### ***Introduction***

The Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe Network (PNAE) conducted a survey throughout 2011 to identify whether paediatric nurses across Europe are required to re-register at periodic intervals and if they are also required to provide evidence of continuing professional development to do so.

The aim was to establish an agreed set of minimum statements concerning re-registration, revalidation and continuing professional development to ensure safe and up to date practitioners.

This document represents a consensus position of the organisations representing paediatric nurses across many European countries

#### **Re-registration and continuing professional development standards**

Building on the previous position statement on the Regulation of Paediatric Nurses in Europe<sup>1</sup> the Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe believe that the following *minimum* standards must be in place across Europe in order to protect and safeguarding children and young people:

- A national register for nurses, including paediatric nurses must be in place in each country across Europe
- There must be a mechanism to distinguish paediatric nurses on a national register if there is not a specific register for paediatric nurses
- Members of the public must be able to search the national nursing register to see if a paediatric nurse is on the register and qualified to practice
- Paediatric nurses must be required to re-register at periodic intervals – each country should determine the frequency but this should be as a minimum every **5** years

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[http://www.rcn.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/371357/Regulation\\_Agreed\\_October\\_05.pdf](http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/371357/Regulation_Agreed_October_05.pdf)

- Paediatric Nurses must be required to complete a specified number of hours theoretical updating relevant to your practice in order to re-register – each country should determine the number of hours but this should be a minimum of **50 hours over 5 years**
- Paediatric nurses must be required to complete a specified number of hours in practice in order to re-register – each country should determine the number of hours but this should be a minimum of **500 hours over 5 years**

**Action required**

PNAE urges European governments to work towards ensuring improved standards of nursing care for children and adolescents (young people) through formal re-registration and continuing professional development of paediatric nurses.

**Key stakeholders:**

- ♦ Professional nursing regulatory body/agency/ association/organisation in each member state
- ♦ EU and individual governments of member states

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