

## **Nurses and Midwives: The NHS Needs Your Help!**

### **Finding the top ten actions for nursing and midwifery: driving up quality and reducing costs**

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As nurses and midwives you understand the challenge our health service is facing to increase quality and reduce cost. You also have some of the answers because many of you are already using methods, approaches and processes that are achieving high quality care and saving costs. The Strategic Health Authority Chief Nurses across England have come together to champion efforts to draw together the great practice that nurses and midwives are already using. Collectively, we need your help - we need you to tell us what you are doing.

Log onto [www.institute.nhs.uk/hia](http://www.institute.nhs.uk/hia) and tell us about the progress you and your organisation have made in transforming services, improving patient experience, preventing illness and reducing costs.

Don't delay! The web site will initially be live for three weeks until 10<sup>th</sup> October. After this a panel of nurses and midwives from a variety of health sectors will help determine those actions that have the biggest potential to make a huge difference across the whole of the service.

This work links to the Prime Minister's Commission on the Future of Nursing and Midwifery which will report early next year. Help us show the unique contribution nurses and midwives are making to patient care and in using NHS resources to best effect.

Further information:

1. The 'top ten actions' will be announced at the Chief Nursing Officer Conference on November 11<sup>th</sup>
2. A wide range of the contributions will be collated into a great practice guide for nurses and midwives
3. The initiative is being sponsored by The Royal College of Nursing, The Royal College of Midwives, The Nursing and Midwifery Council, Department of Health and the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement.