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## **REVIEW OF NURSING IN THE COMMUNITY** **by Pat Tyrell**

The Review of Nursing in the Community was set up by the Scottish Government to identify what community nurses, in partnership with fellow professionals, should be doing to give patients the best possible care in or near their own homes. It was an action point from the policy for NHS Scotland, Delivering for Health.

Demographic changes and existing workforce pressures mean that there is a genuine need to update the future provision of nursing services in the community. This review was carried out in response to the challenges facing the delivery of quality healthcare to the people of Scotland in forthcoming years.

The report proposes a generic community health nurse model which will be tested in four development sites, NHS Borders, Highland, Lothian and Tayside over the next two years. These sites were chosen to reflect the diverse nature of Scotland's geography and health needs.

The Minister for Public Health has determined that the testing of the model and other workstreams should allow an informed decision to be made in two years time about the future of the community nursing service.

This presentation will provide an update about the national programme, and the activity in the NHS Highland development sites.