

National Resource for Nursing in General Practice Issue 1: August 2006

ADGP, together with the Australian Practice Nurses Association (APNA) and the Australian Nursing Federation (ANF) and with funding provided by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, will be developing *A National Resource for Nursing in General Practice*.

The National Resource will be designed to assist in the recruitment and orientation of nurses into the general practice setting. It will be applicable to a national audience and will provide information and resources for an employer, all members of the general practice team, Divisions of General Practice and nurses new to general practice.

The first meeting of the project steering committee was held in Canberra on 25th July 2006.

The committee confirmed the need for the development of the National Resource to assist in the recruitment and orientation of nurses to General Practice. The kit will be designed so that Divisions and general practices will be able to adapt it for local application.

Over 33 existing resources have been collected from Divisions of General Practice to date, and key elements for inclusion in the National Resource have been identified from these resources.

The resource is currently in the development phase. Validation will be undertaken in a number of ways including: focus groups with practice nurses, through feedback from Divisions, general practices and other key stakeholders and a number of general practices including those who are considering employing a Practice Nurse and that have recently employed a Practice Nurse. Practices will be from both rural and urban settings.

Further information on the recruitment of practices for the validation process will be available in the near future.

Important Dates to Remember:

Mid September 2006: First draft to be available on-line and distributed for comment.

Late November 2006: The official launch of the resource will be at the ADGP Forum.

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