



# BSH UK Heart Failure Nurse Forum

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# Background

- Jan-Mar 2017 HFN workshops
- Idea of UK HFN forum emerged
- May 2017 initiative supported by BSH board
- Summer 2017 BSH HFN survey
- November 2017 steering group formed



## HFN survey 2017

- 377 completed questionnaires
- 85% HFNs community, secondary or tertiary care
- 15% cardiology nurses, research nurses, rehab nurses, arrhythmia nurses, practice nurses and community matrons
- 93 out of the 377 do not have access to regular educational meetings or contact with other members of the MDT
- 58% have access to a specific programme of training
- All support the idea of the HFN forum



## Concerns identified

- posts not re-appointed to
- down grading of posts
- redeployment of HFNs to “ plug gaps”
- support is needed for those nurses working in isolation
- resources cut
- education and development is being cut



## Aims

- To promote the essential work of HF nurses through out the UK in primary, secondary and tertiary care
- To share and develop knowledge, expertise and best practice
- To encourage the incorporation of research based evidence into practice, promote research that will improve outcomes for patients
- To assist the development of core competencies for HF nurses
- To support and advance the development of a recognised education and training programme for HF nurses
- To advise on and influence the provision HF nursing services, standards of care, and the overall management of HF.



# First steps

- The BSH website now hosts a specific section devoted to the UK HFN forum
- A steering group has been formed with good representation from around the UK
- Website will include information that relates to different subjects e.g. guidelines, competencies, education and training, research, quality improvement, service development
- There will be an interactive forum will be password protected which currently is under development
- The nursing membership will receive regular updates from the secretariat regarding the work of the forum and how they can get involved



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