

Internal Operating Procedure for Student Matters that may Impact on Clinical Placement

1. Communication of student matters between the School of Nursing and Midwifery (SoNM) and the partner Health Service Providers (HSPs) must seek to achieve a balance between:
 - Providing adequate information to ensure an effective and safe clinical placement and
 - The maintenance of confidentiality regarding student-specific matters.

2. The **Practice Placement Agreement (PPA)** is signed by each student completing clinical placement. Point 12 states:

I understand that, if I have (or if I develop) an impairment or condition, it is my responsibility to seek advice regarding the possibility that it may impact on my ability to learn, to perform safely in the clinical environment, or affect my personal welfare or the welfare of others. An appropriate person to seek advice from in the clinical setting may be an Allocations Liaison Officer, Clinical Placement Coordinator, Staff Nurse or Staff Midwife. I understand it is also my responsibility to declare the impairment or condition on the relevant health disclosure form

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/media/support/academicsecretariat/ftp/FTPHealthDisclosureForm2016-2017.pdf>

I accept that only through disclosure of this impairment/condition can an appropriate plan of support to reach required clinical learning outcomes/competencies be explored.

3. In the event that a student discloses an issue to a UCC staff member that may have implications for their practice on their **next** clinical placement, the following is the recommended process:

Student discloses matter that may impact clinical practice

UCC STAFF MEMBER ASKS THE STUDENT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

