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ICN International Perspective

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Nursing- A Values Based Profession

- If we advocate values based nursing practice
I believe

- We should advocate values based education
- We should advocate values based research
- We should advocate values based regulation

And

We should advocate values based leadership

Nursing/Midwifery an interdependent relationship



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My hypothesis:

That nurses/midwives must define what they want to bring to the decision making table

We must base what we bring on our core values.

We must articulate a voice that is values based, evidence- based, robust/strong, valid/reliable and cohesive.

We must articulate a voice that is relevant

Relevant to person centred care AND the international health policy agenda

We must work at a local, national and international level to achieve this.

This is what my ICN experience has taught me!

However our professional agenda must synchronise with the broader health and economic agendas-



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6 core elements of an effective health system based on the right to health

Health services

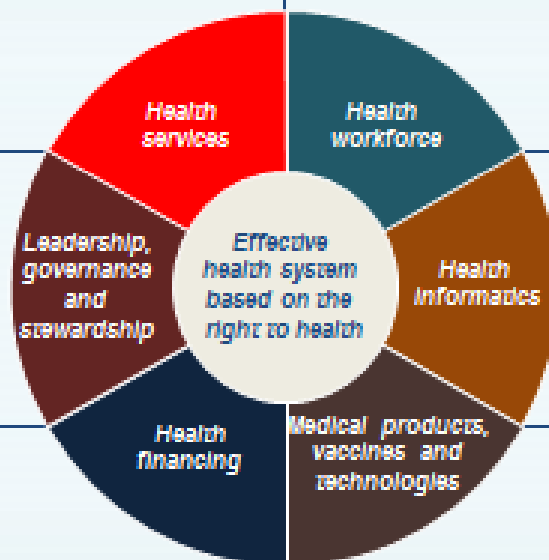
- Accessible
- Effective
- Safe
- Person centred
- Minimum waste

Leadership, governance and stewardship

- Provision of appropriate regulations and incentives
- Accountability
- Development of strategic policy frameworks

Health financing

- Funds are provided to health systems so that needed services can be provided
- People are protected from financial catastrophe or impoverished as a result of having to pay for them



Health workforce

- Responsive, fair and efficient
- Sufficient numbers and mix of staff
- Available and fairly distributed
- Competent, responsive and productive

Health informatics

- Enables the production, analysis dissemination as use of reliable and timely information
- Utilised to monitor and improve performance

Medical products, vaccines and technologies

- Equitable access
- Assured quality
- Scientifically sound
- Cost effectively used

International Council of Nurses



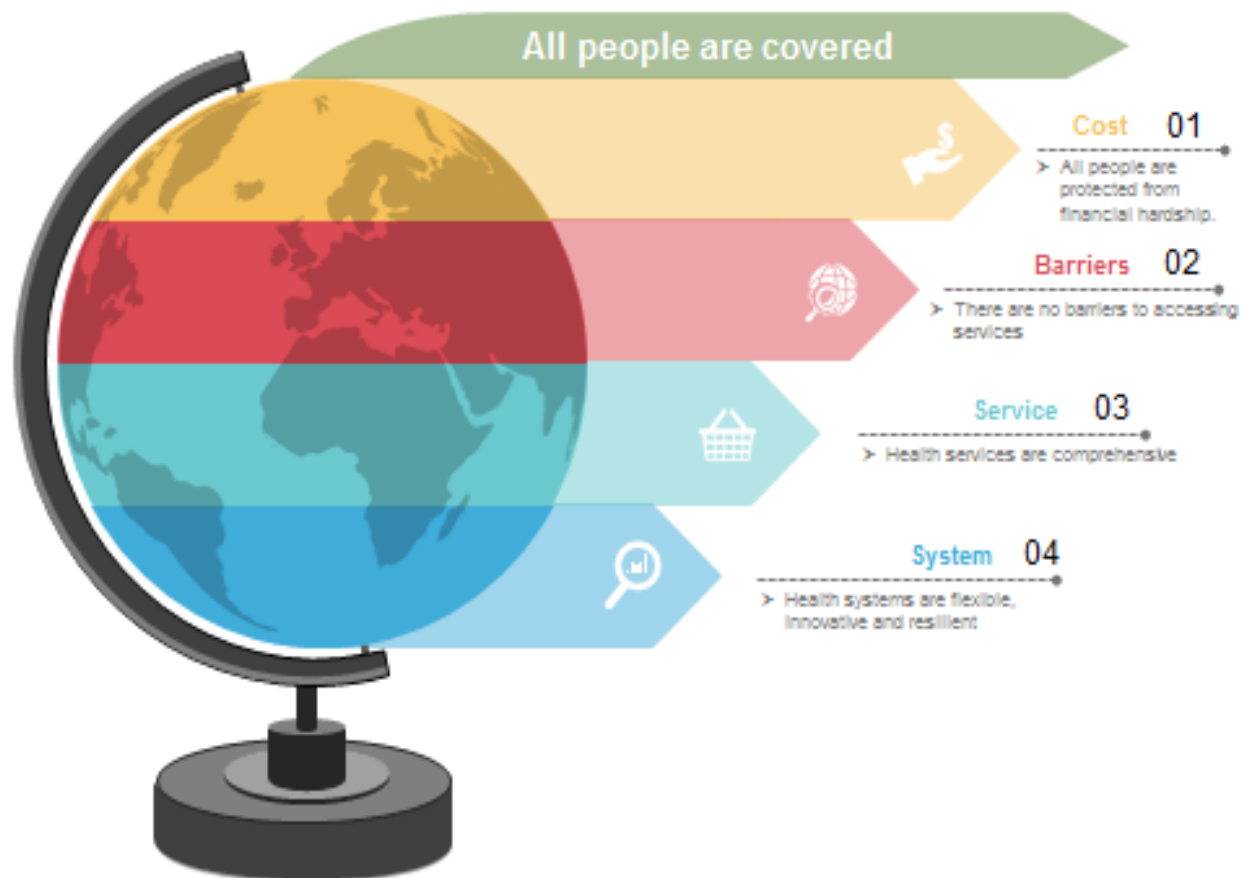
Sustainable Development Goals



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Universal Health Coverage



What governments desire

Reduce Costs

Reducing the per capita cost of health care



Enhance patient experience

Improving the patient experience of care (including quality and satisfaction)



Improve Health Outcomes

Improving the health of populations



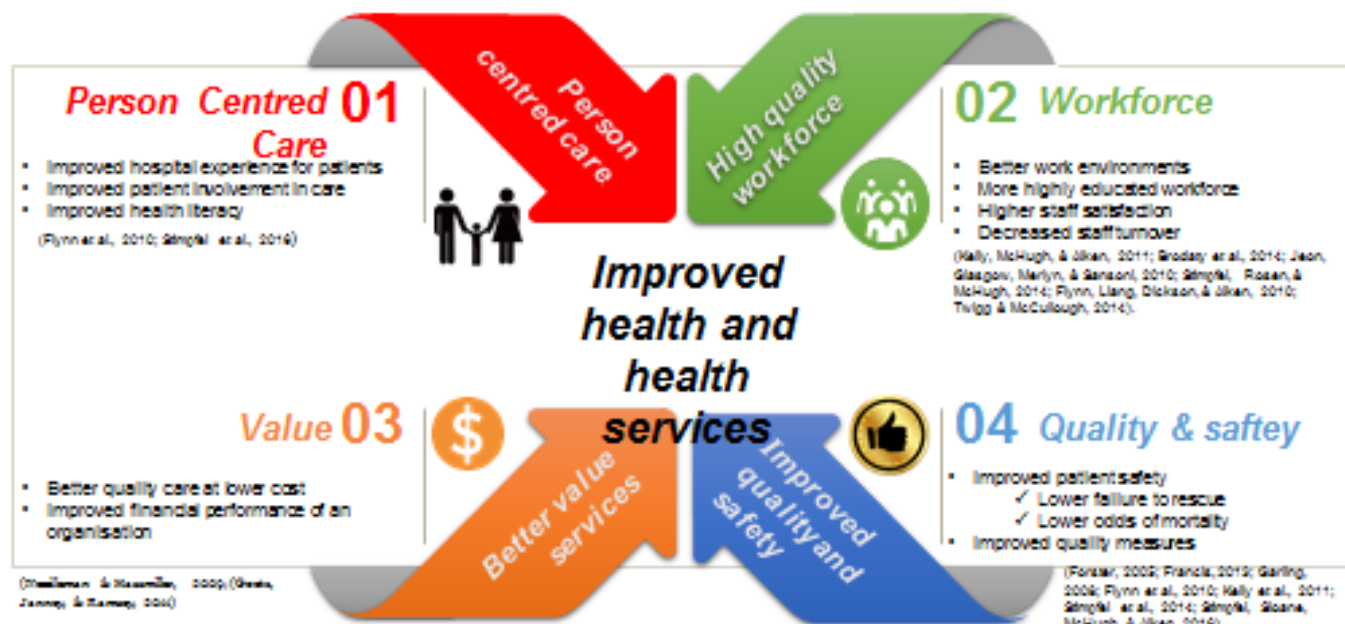
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ICN strategic priorities



When nurses participate in health services decision making and policy development..



Nursing Now Campaign

Emerged as a Campaign from the Triple Impact report-UK All Party Parliamentary Report on Global Health

Chaired by Lord Nigel Crisp (2016)

Launched 28th of February in London: Duchess of Cambridge, Lord Crisp (NN), Annette Kennedy (ICN), Elizabeth Iro (WHO) and Geneva: Princess Muna al Hussain Dr Tedros (WHO), Sheila Tlaou (NN) & myself (ICN)



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Findings

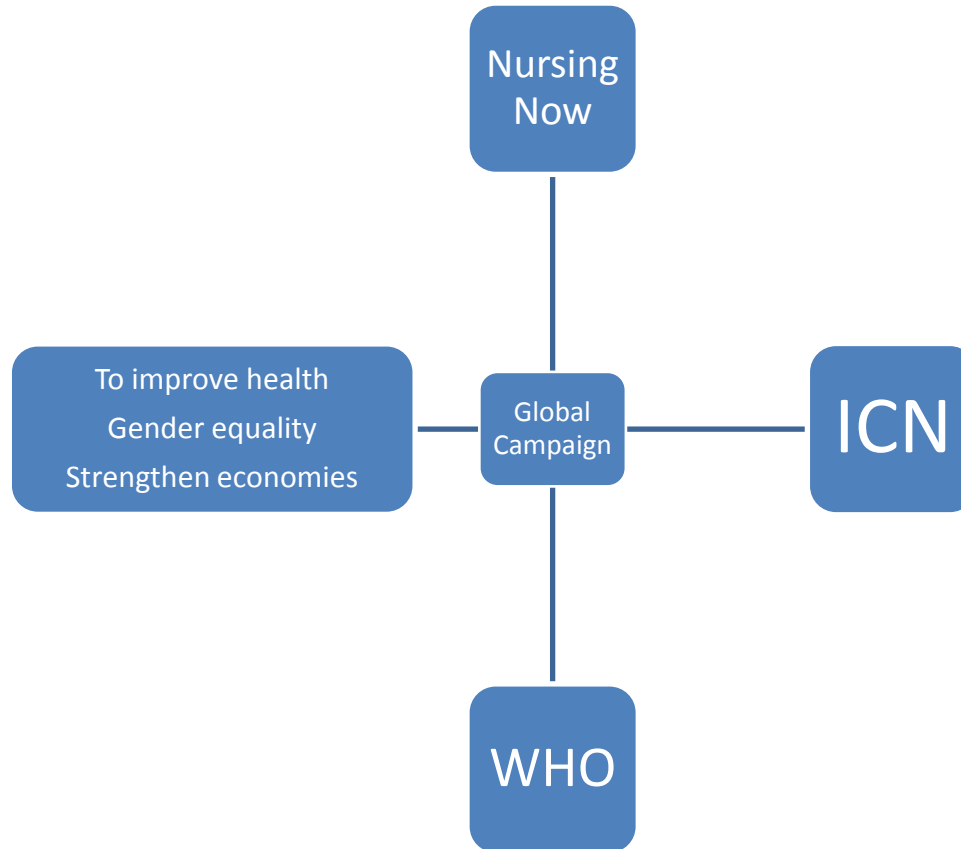
- Universal Health Coverage will not be achieved without developing nursing globally. Nurses are the largest part of the professional health workforce and provide an enormous amount of care and treatment worldwide; however, they are very often under-valued and under-utilised. Nurses could have an even more significant impact in the future – and will be decisive as to whether UHC is achieved.
- Developing nursing will have the **triple impact** of contributing to three of the Sustainable Development Goals – **improving health**, **promoting gender equality**, and **strengthening economies**



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Nursing Now Campaign



Nursing Now Campaign

3 Year campaign 2018-2020 (bi centenary of Florence Nightingale's Birth)

Ensuring a voice of and for nurses and nursing that is inclusive of the political and the public.

In 2020 move into ICN

ICN funding annually to a total of 450K

Strengthening a professional voice in line with policy, politics and economics



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Nursing Now Campaign

Launched in every continent

Over 80 countries

Plan for Ireland launch 25th April

RCSI Hospital Group NN Campaign Launch
14th May 2019



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Summary

- I believe that Nursing and Midwifery within a clinical professional leadership context are key to supporting a professional voice that:
 1. Can provide an economic argument for high quality, accessible, person centred health care to individuals, families and communities
 2. Can provide a cost effective, affordable, quality service that is outcomes driven
 3. Must engage with the political and economic agendas on a local, national and international stage.

Further

1. Investment in the Nursing and Midwifery workforce will in my opinion ensure national and international health policy becomes reality instead of rhetoric.
2. Nursing and midwifery must engage with diverse voices and stakeholders to deliver this fundamental goal.



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Thank you

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