

ABM University Health Board	
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Subject	Master's thesis dissemination
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1.0 Situation

The Nursing and Midwifery Strategy (2017-2020) has an aim to increase the number of nurses and midwives writing and publishing their research in professional and academic journals, as well as present their work at conferences.

2.0 Background

ABMU supports staff to achieve master's degrees, in line with the Study Leave policy. There is a requirement to disseminate research findings. Practice varies, but overall relatively few staff currently publish their findings or present their work at conferences (such as the annual CNO conference). This raises an ethical issue as the work is not shared which could influence policy and practice, and work is needlessly duplicated

3.0 Assessment

Currently it is not specifically stated in the Study Leave policy that staff will publish or disseminate their master's work at conference. For ABMU nurses and midwives a requirement could be introduced for the dissemination strategy to be discussed as part of the process of agreeing funding. This would include dissemination to the team and management within the ABMU and wider dissemination, including publication. The manager would follow this up at PADR annually and once the master degree is completed.

4.0 Recommendations

It is suggested that the Professor of Nursing devises a dissemination form in collaboration with Lynne Jones and UNDs, to be used as part of the MSc funding agreement. For existing students this could be introduced prior to the dissertation module.

This report is being presented to the Nursing and Midwifery Board for comment and approval.