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Quality Workplaces Promote Quality Nursing Care

The theme for this year's International Nurses Day highlights the interdependence between working conditions and delivery of quality nursing services.

The nursing profession is based on sound and professional values, ethical frameworks and evidence-based research, and the individual nurse starts her/his career with the motivation and basic knowledge to provide quality care.

However, no individual can work wonders or provide services beyond reasonable expectations. Apart from professional attitudes and appropriate education for quality service delivery, there is also need to ensure that nursing services are delivered within a working environment focused on safe staffing, adequate material resources, continuing professional education and career development. Caring for the carers means caring for the patients!

EFN believes that if nursing practice is to systematically and proactively develop across Europe to meet patients' health needs, and also influence the changing healthcare context, the profession's involvement in health policy decision making at all levels is essential. There is growing evidence to suggest that the involvement of nurses in policy development has a direct relationship to the ability to change practice, raise the professional profile and improve community health outcomes.

EFN will continue in bringing the health agenda forward in Europe.

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