

Keeping the private sector informed

Private sector organiser **Sheila Dickson** updates members on the latest developments in the sector

I HAVE been the private sector organiser at the INMO for almost a year now. I would like to thank all nurses, directors of nursing and owners in the private and voluntary nursing homes that I have had the pleasure of visiting, for facilitating me to meet with nurses working in this sector.

I wrote to all nurses working in the private and voluntary sectors some months ago, in order to update details of work locations, education and training needs etc. It would be great to get more responses from members, so please fill in the short survey and return it to me or email/ring me.

Nurses and Midwives Act

I am delivering free 30-40 minute presentations on the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011 to inform nurses about future requirements to demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development as developed by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI).

I have been concentrating initially on the Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow areas so let me know if you would like me to visit your nursing home/area.

Any nurse who has worked in the UK or the Philippines would be used to this criteria, and since October, the UK Regulatory body is also requiring evidence of Professional Indemnity Insurance from nurses and midwives for registration purposes. This relates to the EU Directive on Cross Border Health which was signed into law in 2011 and member states were given 30 months to transpose. As you are aware, professional indemnity insurance is included in your INMO membership fee along with other major benefits.

New discount groupscheme

This scheme has already been covered in *WIN* and I continue to issue passwords and sign up nurses to the scheme when requested. I am happy to meet small groups of nurses to show you the benefits



of the INMO Groupscheme and help to get you saving money!

Tools for safe practice sessions

Some of you will have attended the safe practice sessions, provided by the Professional Development Centre, advising nurses on key areas of practice such as clinical risk, documentation, report and statement writing. To date, three very successful safe practice sessions specifically aimed at private nursing home members have been rolled out in:

- Tara Winthrop Private Clinic, Swords
- Our Lady's Manor, Dalkey
- Marymount Care Centre, Lucan

A further session took place in October

in INMO HQ for Harvey Group of Nursing Home nurses and others.

I have also received requests from other directors of nursing who are interested in the INMO providing these and other education and training days for their nursing staff.

The feedback I have received so far, from nurses working in private and voluntary nursing homes, is that you want to see the organisation in your workplace, educating and sharing information. So I hope to develop more LINK nurses so the INMO will reach all nursing home nurses. **Let's link together** – contact me by email at: sheiladickson@inmo.ie or Tel: 01 6640643.