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The past, present and future of the community neonatal nursing

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Reviewing the data of the current community neonatal service in North East London over the past six years, there is political evidence of moving more hospital based services into community. In 2014, our trust closed level one special care baby unit and moved all neonatal services to the level two hospitals. The recent internal audits has shown the increase in early hospital discharge from the neonatal unit, increased home visits and increase in more complex babies being followed up by the community neonatal nurses. Reviewing all this evidence, the question would be what does the future hold for our pre-term and complex babies? Where our health care resources should be increased in terms of follow up in the community?

Biography

Tendai Nzirawa completed his Undergraduate Diploma in Nursing Studies (Adult) in 2005 (City University, London) and Bachelor of Science with Honours in Nursing Studies (Neonatal Care) in 2012 (City University, London). Currently, she is pursuing her Master of Science in Nursing Studies (Neonatal Care) from London Southbank University, London. Since 2010, she has been involved in setting up and running a Neonatal Parent Support Group with other health professionals. In July 2016, she won the Tony Fuller Cup- Clinical Audit Competition and in August 2016, she received the best poster award for presenting at the 6th World Nursing and Healthcare Conference, London.

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