**Q6:** Do you support the assessment of competence of nurse practitioner candidates within specified education programmes as outlined in the Draft education programme standards?

No,

Please give your reasons

It is important to still keep the overall authority for Nurse Practitioner competence within the Nursing Council. This may be able to change to Education Providers at a later date but feel one change at a time is the smarter way to go. The public and many health professionals still are unaware of our role (certainly in my region) and when the training and registration process is explained they like to know that the NC are actively involved and oversee the process.

**Q7:** Do you think any of the following requirements will address potential conflict of interest and ensure assessments of nurse practitioner candidates are completed to a consistent standard?

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<td>a. Involving suitably qualified members of the multidisciplinary team and practice representatives and/or</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Involving suitably qualified MDT members and practice reps does occur now but at a minor level and would be very useful to gain overall impression of the suitability of a NP candidate. External moderation would be helpful especially in cases of potential conflict or bias occur with the education provider/candidate. The assessment standards are already broadly set, closer moderation by Council would incur more cost. An appeals process would keep the process fair and give confidence to the candidate and education providers without adding extra layers for every applicant.</td>
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Please give your reasons or any other suggestions

**Q8:** Do you support the candidate also submitting a portfolio of learning to the Council?

Yes,

Please give your reasons

A refined portfolio as proposed would give support for the overall authority of NC and allows the candidate to review their learning / identify knowledge gaps. Also gives greater confidence to know you have been vetted by NC and passed. Several of my fellow NP's have also expressed this view.
Q9: Do you support the assessment methods outlined in 8.4 and 8.10 of the draft education programme standards?

- a. a portfolio of learning and clinical log of practice experience: Yes
- b. simulated scenario based assessment: Yes
- c. viva voce clinical assessment: Yes
- d. observation in clinical practice settings: Yes

Please give your reasons: Passing these assessments gives NP candidate confidence when they start as a new NP.

Q10: Do you support nurse practitioners as the clinical teaching staff for each student’s clinical experience?

Yes, Please give your reasons: If possible of course. Best possible teachers for an NP candidate.

Q11: Do you support the standards for the nurse practitioner practicum outlined in section 9 of the draft education programme standards?

Yes, Please give your reasons: Again gives broader learning time and therefore greater confidence to the NP candidate.

Q12: Do you support the draft education programme standards?

Yes, Please give your reasons: Much more streamlined and purposeful for candidates.

Q13: Any other comments related to the draft education programme standards?

Respondent skipped this question

Q14: Do you agree that the draft competencies for nurse practitioners describe the knowledge and skills required of new nurse practitioners?

Yes, Please give your reasons: More relevant to the NP work and allows good reflection guidelines for the candidate and mentor.

Q15: Do you agree that the draft competencies provide enough detail to guide education requirements and student assessment?

Yes

Q16: Do you support newly registered nurse practitioners practising under supervision for one year?

Yes, Please give your reasons: A newly registered NP would be expected to seek their own supervision as a responsible health practitioner, and as experience and knowledge grows would adjust this time accordingly. A requirement to do so will formalize this process and is a sensible proposal.

Q17: Any other comments related to the proposed draft competencies for nurse practitioners or the proposal for new nurse practitioners to be supervised for one year

Respondent skipped this question