

TOTEMM newsletter

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This newsletter provides an overview of TOTEMM-related activity for the period 01/03/2020 - 31/09/2020.

All partners' contribution has created the introductory e-learning package, where the advisory group gave their suggestions. The HELM team developed an e-learning package on the Moodle platform. According to the plan frame, all of our activities are in place and we hope to complete the next e-learning package in December 2020.

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THE FIRST INTRODUCTORY PACKAGE

The first e-learning package (an introduction to midwifery in Europe) is in development with contributions from all partners and the HELM team. We hope that this package will be available for peer review by external and internal advisory group members shortly and available for students before the end of 2020.

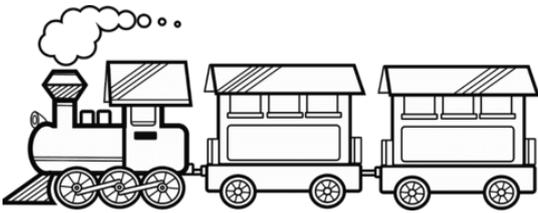
The introductory topics are: a midwife's role in the country, midwife's responsibilities, the midwives' scope of practice, regulations and laws, maternity services.

AIM

The aim of the first e-learning package is to design, test and implement an introductory interactive trans-national open e-learning resource that stimulates interest and increases the understanding of the role of European midwifery practice, employability and the delivery of interculturally sensitive, compassionate and respectful midwifery care.

THE STUDY PROCESS AS A TRAIN JOURNEY

The train stops at each country.



On the journey, the students will be introduced to the passengers on the train: clients, other midwives, community and hospital multidisciplinary teams, support groups/NGOs.



Student needs an introductory document, a “passport,” to be completed before the first Skype meeting. The passport should then be stamped at each country visited. The passport could be your name, nationality, fun facts.

NOTES FROM THE EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP

The first meeting of the Expert Advisory Group was held remotely in September 2020. Members of the group bring expertise as maternity service users, strong networks with the midwifery community across Europe, midwifery and mental healthcare educators, maternity and intercultural researchers. At the first meeting, members of the project team provided an introduction to the background, aims and components of the project and the methods used to develop the packages. The advisory group provided very helpful suggestions about other initiatives and for dissemination. They will also be involved in peer reviewing the packages at draft stage.

BASELINE STUDY

RESEARCH AIM was to determine background information and factors that influence students' physical and virtual mobility. The aims of the survey are:

- to determine midwifery students' international physical mobility activities and factors that affect mobility
- to determine midwifery students' learning needs and preferences for pre-specified public health topics.

METHODS: Ethical considerations: The proposal was submitted to the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Ethics Committee, University of Nottingham and received approval on 30 th March 2020.

DESIGN: A cross-sectional, bespoke survey comprising closed response and open-ended questions. User and public involvement: 8 student midwives from the four participating sites were consulted before drafting the survey, asked for their feedback on its content, time for completion and recruitment strategies to reduce burden and to maximise chances of completion. Following a pilot study with 7 respondents, minor revisions were made.

SETTING: The survey was administered online using the JISC Online Surveys (JOS) platform.

PARTICIPANTS: All pre-registration midwifery students (n=795) on either 3 or 4 year programmes, leading to a first degree in midwifery and professional registration as a midwife, undertaking their programme at one of the four HEIs selected as study sites in the United Kingdom, Italy, Estonia or The Netherlands. Student midwives on study interruption were not included.

TIMING: the survey was open from 22 nd June to 27 th July 2020; two reminders were sent to encourage completion.

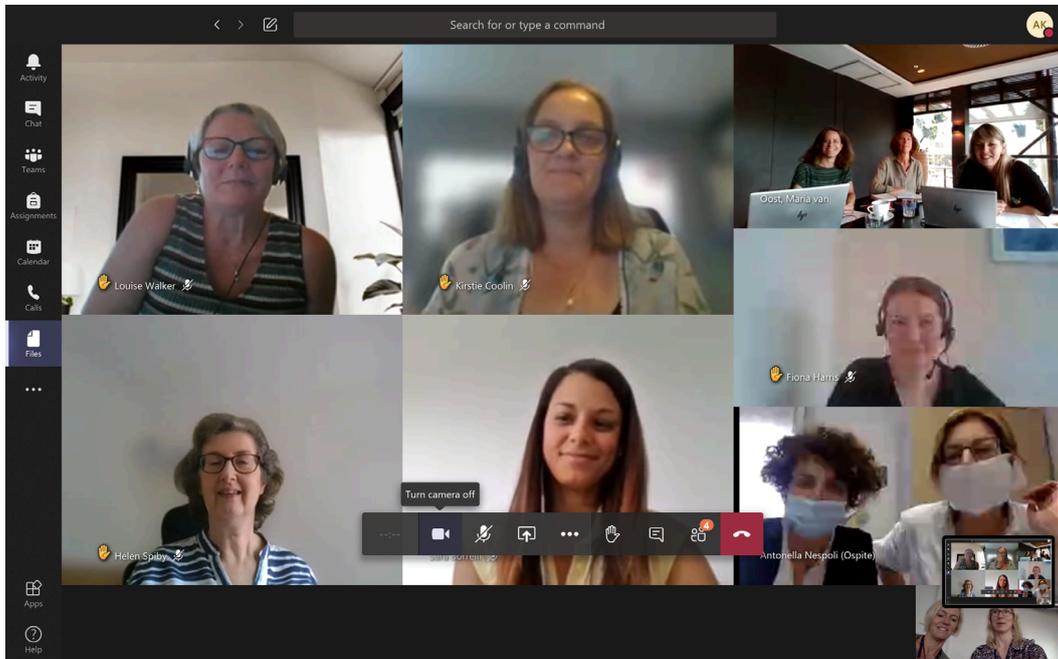
ANALYSIS: Descriptive summary statistical analysis was undertaken through the Jisc Online Surveys (JOS) platform. The findings will be published in the coming months when data analysis and development of conceptual framework are completed.

DISSEMINATION PLAN

The target groups of our dissemination activities will be to make posters and oral presentations in:

- local/regional level
- national level
- EU and International level

NEXT STEP: PREPARING PUBLIC HEALTH TOPICS FOR E-LEARNING PACKAGES



The topics will be:

- promoting positive lifestyle choices for women within their communities
- empowering women to maintain their sense of safety
- championing the needs of the migrant population
- optimising psychological well-being for women and families