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Prior to taking up the role of Deputy Chief Nursing Officer at the Department of Health, Philippa was an Assistant Director of Nursing in Nursing Workforce Planning in Tallaght Hospital Dublin, with responsibility for workforce development, planning and analysis.

Over her career Philippa has attained significant clinical experience in addition to holding leadership positions in Nursing Practice Development, Clinical Facilitation and Clinical Nursing Management across the acute and residential care sector. Philippa has collaborated and led on many national and international projects including:

- member of the Irish Advisory Group for RN4CAST;
- Tallaght and Beaumont Nursing Workforce Planning Project,
- the National Maternity Hospital Midwifery Workforce Planning Project and
- lead for the implementation of the first Nursing Outcome Indicators in Ireland, in her role in Tallaght Hospital.

Philippa was also associate faculty member of the Institute of Leadership, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, engaging as an action learning facilitator on Masters programmes for health care professionals, facilitator on specific training programmes, and co-investigator/ lead on significant workforce planning projects including midwifery and emergency nursing.

Philippa is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, where she successfully obtained a Bachelor of Nursing Science (Hons) and subsequently a Masters in Nursing Science. In 2013 she graduated from the University of Sunderland (UK) with a Professional Doctorate in her chosen area of specialty, Nursing Workforce Planning.

Philippa is published in the areas of Day Case Surgery & Workforce Planning. She has also published in the area of Nurse Education in review of relevant books on nurse education in practice for the Journal of Nurse Education in Practice, along with being a peer reviewer for the Journal of Nursing Management.

