



NURSES 
A VOICE TO LEAD
HEALTH IS A HUMAN RIGHT

INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY 2018
Certificate of Recognition
*Newtown Union Health
Service Nursing Team*

For Advocacy

in recognition of someone who works with patients/clients to advocate for their needs and addresses inequalities.

“The nurses at Newtown Union Health Service (NUHS) are working with vulnerable patients on a daily basis. Our patients come from very diverse backgrounds and often have very high health and social needs. We have many patients with significant and enduring mental illness as well as a large number of patients from a refugee background who need assistance to navigate the complexities of our health system. The fantastic nurses at NUHS work tirelessly to build relationships and to advocate for patients who are less able to do so for themselves. They regularly work with interpreters, social workers and the wider health team in a collaborative model to facilitate the best possible outcomes for their patients. They have a wide range of skills which enables them to work at the top of their scope of practice and are very often the primary provider who is coordinating care for their patients. Nurses frequently liaise with other agencies to ensure that patients are accessing the best possible care as well as services that they are entitled to. They will often support people to attend health related appointments and make people aware of services that we can provide to facilitate this. NUHS nurses are passionate about providing high quality healthcare for a vulnerable population which enables people to live their lives as well as they can. They are also passionate about sharing their skills to broaden the knowledge base within the primary health sector and are frequently asked to be involved in educating nursing and medical students. They are a brilliant group of Nurses who work in a very high pressured and complex health environment and tirelessly advocate for their patients.”



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