



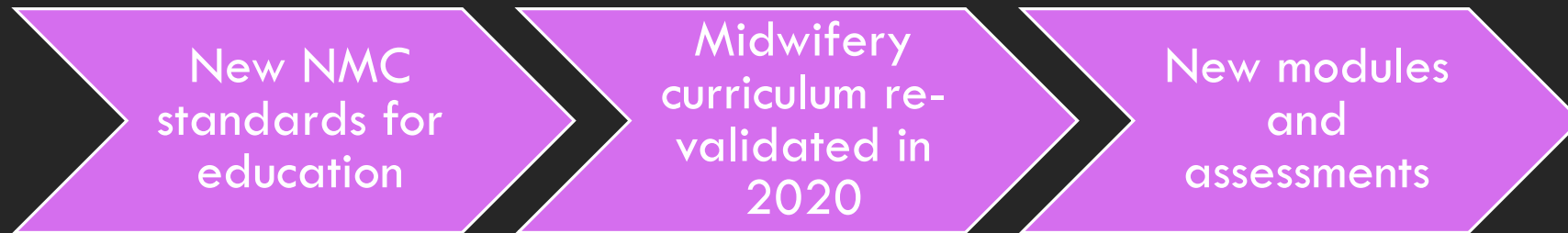
Collaboration, shared grades and group accountability in Midwifery education

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BSc Midwifery: The context



Identified 3000-word reflective essay to be redeveloped

Topol report – digitally enabled health system; culture of learning



The plan

The new assessment replaces a written reflective essay of 3,000 words

Facilitate achievement of maximum potential

Afford flexibility and a choice of submission format

Meets 'digital literacy' standard

Essential: Groupwork reflects MDT element of clinical practice

Group work + Individual work

Assessment: Part 1

Development of a website about a fetal/neonatal condition

- Small groups (3-4 students)
- Developed in either PowerPoint or Wix
- Shared grade
- Peer review session post submission
- Website is patient-facing
- 50% weighting

Assessment: Part 2

Individual Reflection – 50% weighting

Individual grade
awarded

Reflective element

Midwifery/medical
management

Professional-facing

Student choice re
format

Evaluation

Student attainment

Evaluation via survey

Evaluation via focus group

Institutional ethical approval

Dissemination – today 😊



Attainment

Grade %	Academic Year	
	2019/20 (Cohort = 24 students)	2020/21 (Cohort = 30 students)
70-100%	16%	33%
60-69%	17%	33%
50-59%	25%	17%
40-49%	25%	0%
0-39%	17%	17%



THEMES

Choice/flexibility

Collaboration – reward and support

Professional development

"I really enjoyed doing something a bit different, and it also made you think from a service user POV for once which was actually tougher than I first imagined"

[The shared grade]..."it's fair because you will work as a team to produce good work"

THEMES



Word count

Collaboration

Lack of confidence

"Word count was very limited making it difficult to concise the information"

"I understand the principles of encouraging group work, but really dislike that it will count towards my final degree class."



GROUP ACCOUNTABILITY

“It was really testing, but overall it was ok. I thought being able to choose who we worked with was better than being put into groups but it meant I worked with my closest friends and there were fall outs which were tough to manage. I know this was a glimpse of my future working career though!”

REFLECTIONS AND ADAPTATIONS





Any questions?
