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The provision of long-term care (LTC) services of good quality, in particular home-care and community-based services, is a y priority for the nursing profession, advocating for a paradigm shift in long-term care policies to improve the quality of services and quality of life for long-term care patients. The EFN Members shared best practices from their countries relating to long-term care. Submitted practices were subject to a standard process of thematic categorisation and narrative synthesis and are presented in the attached report under five key areas of activity: LTC & Workforce; LTC & Quality indicators; LTC & Digitalisation; LTC & Financing; and LTC & Standards. The EFN members are strongly engaged in contributing to deliver long-term care positive outcomes: the extent to which nurses' roles are relevant in the delivery of community care across Europe and how their contribution becomes central to support the EU long-term care political agenda. It is therefore crucial to co-design with frontline nurses EU policies to make them fit for purpose and as such ensure a sustainable and efficient approach in the development of an EU LTC policy. Based on the nurses' frontline deployments and experiences of long-term care services provision in different counties in Europe, the EFN Report on best practices for Long-Term Care provides the European institutions, Governments and relevant health stakeholders with policy recommendations on the five key areas. The EFN Members invite the EU and national policy makers to invest in a highly-skilled LTC nursing workforce; involve healthcare professionals and patients in the development and implementation of LTC quality indicators; invest in people-centred innovation technology; adopt value-based financing models; and engage end-users in standards design. Principle 18 of the European Pillar of Social Rights has been identified by EFN Members as a crucial priority to be urgently addressed at EU level. Policy Recommendations: 1. Invest in the basic education of the nursing workforce in order to comply with Directive 2013/55/EU to better anticipate or improve the LTC skills needs of the nursing workforce; 2. Promote strategies to attract and retain nurses to the LTC sectors, focussing on the salaries and working conditions to stay in LTC; 3. Invest in social

and health outcomes and more robust social and health outcomes measurement, including patient experience and nursing-sensitive data; 4. Promote the involvement of patients and HCP in all stages of development and implementation of indicators; 5. Support the end-user co-design of electronic tools that support nurses in their daily work and facilitate the easy and fast collection of relevant data; 6. Invest in people-centred innovation technology, focusing on patient safety and empowerment; 7. Develop payment and reimbursement systems based on pathways, including prevention and LTC, rather than individual and disease specific interventions-user co-design of electronic tools that support nurses in their daily work and facilitate the easy and fast collection of relevant data; 8. Invest in standard design with end-users; 9. Engage patients and health professionals in the development, adoption and implementation of principles and criteria to define standards. Nurses play a fundamental and indispensable role in the provision of health and social care, in particular in prevention and long-term care.

LINK to EFN files:

<https://efn.eu/wp-content/uploads/EFN-Report-on-Best-Nursing-Care-Practices-in-Long-Term-Care-with-Upscaling-Potential-Dec.2018-compressed.pdf>

<http://www.efn.eu/wp-content/uploads/EFN-Recommendations-on-Addressing-the-Underfunding-of-Prevention-and-LTC.pdf>