Debra Thoms, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office (CNMO), NSW Department of Health, met with Martin Boyle (Prince of Wales/Working Party Chair), Tina Kendrick (Children’s Hospital at Westmead/ACCCN), Linda Williams (Sydney South West Area Health Service/ ICU Taskforce) and Susie Lang (Nursing and Midwifery Office, NSW Department of Health) on 19 February 2008 to discuss the Final Report and Recommendations.

Wide consultation with clinicians, academics and Area Directors of Nursing and Midwifery (NSW) has resulted in the presentation of this project’s final report and recommendations to the CNMO for consideration. This report represents a significant body of work (over a longer than planned period) by an extremely committed and resolute group that believed that a positive outcome was achievable. It was noted that a similar process was nearing completion for Transition to ED.

The February 2008 meeting focused on recommendations and a way forward. Discussions identified:

- Some degree of overlap between ICU and ED (Critical Care)
- Core elements exist in curricula for both ICU and ED
- Transition programs would benefit from experts in both areas
- Adds value by bringing the critical care areas together – an opportunity for sharing expertise and experience
- The NSW Intensive Care Taskforce supports this program
- Aim to achieve not a beginner nurse and not an expert nurse but a safe, effective (patients, self and other staff) and informed practitioner.
- Portability, State-wide recognition, availability and enhanced communications across and between critical care services are important

It was agreed that 3 of the recommendations were critical to progress.

**Recommendation 4 –**

- Establishing an Intensive care nursing sub-committee of ICCMU to work in cooperation with the (coordinating) Project Officer

**Recommendation 5 –**

- Build upon existing internet/online resources available through ICCMU
- Extend capacity for videoconferencing, acknowledging that ways around existing difficulties may have to be found
- Program and resources access via ICCMU and NaMO websites
Recommendation 6 –

- Further development of program and study resources
- Appointment in NaMO of a co-ordinating Project Officer, supported by the Intensive Care sub-committee