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Establishing a National Nurses OPAT IV Forum: Lessons from a regional service

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Ways to develop a nurse network

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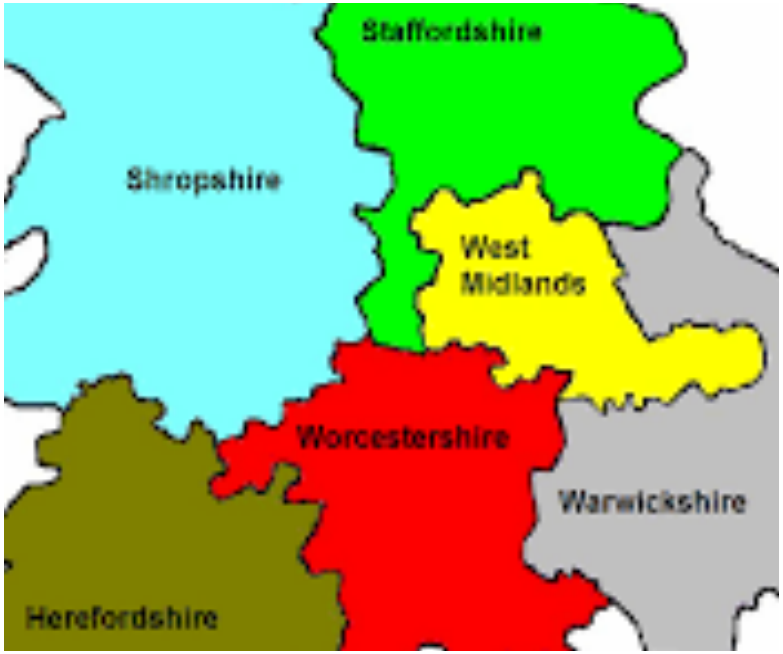
The West Midlands County is one of the most heavily urbanised counties in the UK, with a combined population of **around 2.44 million**



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How it got started?

- Scoped local OPAT teams
- Found a senior nurse link
- Fixed a date and location for meeting
- Organised food

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Appetite assessed

- Senior nurses talked about their service
- Database developed
- Agenda for next meetings formed
- Terms of reference produced and agreed
- Sharing practice
- Supporting nurses
- Improve communication

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Ideas from the floor