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Dear Marion

I spent last Friday morning in the Maternity Department and had a long discussion with Miss Bowen on the problems arising from the maternity experience required by your students in June 1985. I do not know whether you are aware of the fact that there are major changes taking place within the Bloomsbury Health Authority over the next few months, one of which will involve the Maternity Department and will result in some "disruption" to normal services over a period of time. It is this which has led Miss Bowen to say that she cannot accept all your students for maternity experience. I must say, I do agree with her, as no guarantee can be given as to the quality of experience that your students would get in U.C.H.

Of course another problem that Eve Bowen has is that of having two different courses in one department. There is the 4 week course that has been approved for your girls and the 8 week course that they currently run.

The problem is not a simple one which can be resolved easily. Whether or not you can split the experience and so have two or more girls coming to the Middlesex is another matter which only you can decide.

I am sorry not to be more helpful but I feel the situation would not be conducive to the type of experience that your students would require.

Yours sincerely

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