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Dear Sirs,

INSURANCE OF SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS
Ref: Your letter R/JOP/pj of 3 December 1981

As you know, some of our Sociology students go to the Middlesex Hospital and undergo, as part of their studies, medical experience.

There are about eight there now, and over the next four years we expect to send about 50, or roughly 12 a year.

per week per fee + 6 weeks

The students work at the hospital for about 2½ days a term and have an intensive period at full time for six weeks in the summer.

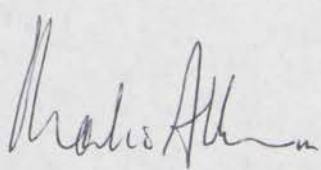
When in the hospital, they do any kind of 'delegated medical or nursing work', which can mean whatever a Ward Sister tells them to do. Such attentions to patients as giving intra-muscular injections, intra-venous infusions, or naso-gastric feeds, besides the routine chores of administering tablets and pills, giving patients their food, and tucking them up in bed.

Clearly there is room for error since the students are by no means medically qualified and it is this that worries us. They are not, as is the traditional nurse, employed by the National Health Service and totally insured by the Area Health Authority. Nor are they like doctors covered against negligence under an Indemnity Health Insurance.

Our students are in process of education and provide a service to the hospital as part of their learning. They are not employed by the hospital to do so and thus the Area Health Authority cannot be made in any way responsible.

My question is how, and for what premium, could our students be covered?

Yours faithfully,



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