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From the Academic Registrar

21 August 1984

Dear Chairman,

Nursing Education

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals has received an invitation from the Commission on Nursing Education, established under the Chairmanship of Dr Harry Judge by the Council of the Royal College of Nursing, to submit written evidence on key issues which have been identified by the Commission as of major concern in regard to its remit to examine the whole field of nursing education in the UK. The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals have agreed that it would be more appropriate in this instance for views to be expressed by individual Universities direct to the Commission.

A copy of the papers forwarded by the Commission to the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals is attached. It has been agreed with the Commission that this University, with its need for widespread consultation, should be allowed an extension of one month, ie. until the end of October, in which to prepare its comments. Views are being sought from Medical Schools and from the Schools which offer degrees in Nursing Studies and from the Extra-Mural Department and I should be most grateful if you could let me have views on behalf of the Special Advisory Committee in Nursing Studies. If you could let me have your comments after the meeting of the Special Advisory Committee on 12 October this would enable the Academic Council to co-ordinate the views of the interested parties within the University before the end of October.

Yours sincerely,

G F Roberts (Mrs)

Prof T E Oppe
Chairman
Special Advisory Committee in Nursing
St Mary's Hospital Medical School

cc The Secretary *GAR.*

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20 July, 1984



The Chairman,
Committee of Vice-Chancellors and
Principals of the Universities of
the United Kingdom,
28 Tavistock Square,
London. WC1H 9EZ



Dear Chairman,

RCN COMMISSION ON NURSING EDUCATION: INVITATION TO SUBMIT
WRITTEN EVIDENCE

As you may know, the Council of the Royal College of Nursing has established an independent Commission on Nursing Education under the chairmanship of Dr. Harry Judge, the Director of the Department of Educational Studies at the University of Oxford.

Your organisation is amongst those professional nursing organisations, other health organisations and agencies, government departments, trade unions and educational bodies from whom the Commission would be pleased to receive written evidence if you have any views on nursing education in the United Kingdom. The attached statement of key issues identifies the areas of major concern and interest to the Commission. You may, however, wish to range more widely over the Commission's terms of reference, which are 'to examine the whole field of nursing education in the United Kingdom and to make recommendations.'

Yours sincerely,

David Rye,
Secretary to the Commission
on Nursing Education.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

Organisations who will be invited to submit written evidence

Professional Nursing Organisations

Association of British Paediatric Nurses
Association of Integrated and Degree Courses in Nursing
Association of Nurse Administrators
Community Psychiatric Nurses Association
District Nursing Association
Health Visitors Association
International Council of Nurses
National Association of Theatre Nurses of Great Britain
Psychiatric Nurses Association
Royal College of Midwives
Standing Conference of Representatives of Health Visitor,
Education and Training Centres
Standing Committee of Nurses of the European Community

Other Professional Organisations

British Association of Occupational Therapists
British Association of Social Workers
British Geriatrics Society
British Medical Association
British Orthopaedic Association
British Paediatric Association
British Association of Paediatric Surgeons
Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
Institute of Health Service Administrators
King Edward's Hospital Fund for London
National Association of Health Authorities
Royal College of General Practitioners
Royal College of Physicians of London
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
Royal College of Psychiatrists
Royal College of Surgeons of England
Royal Society of Medicine

National Voluntary Organisations

National Association for Mental Health (MIND)
National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital
Patients Association
Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults
(MENCAP)
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Trade Unions

Association of University Teachers (AUT)
Confederation of Health Service Employees (COHSE)
National Association of Teachers Further and Higher
Education (NATFHE)
National and Local Government Officers Association (NALGO)
National Union of Public Employees (NUPE)
National Union of Students (NUS)
Trades Union Congress

Educational and Related Bodies

Association of Colleges of Further and Higher Education
Association of Health Careers Advisers
Central Council for Education and Training
(CCETSW)
Committee of Directors of Polytechnics
Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the
Universities of the United Kingdom
Council for National Academic Awards (CNAA)
Health Service Careers Tutors Association
National Association of Head Teachers
National Staff Committee for Nurses and Midwives
Open University
RCN Institute of Advanced Nursing Education

Government Departments

Department of Education and Science
Department of Employment
Department of Health and Social Security
Northern Ireland Department of Health and Social Services
Scottish Home and Health Department
Welsh Office

Statutory Bodies

The English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health
Visiting
The National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting
for Northern Ireland
The National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting
for Scotland
The Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health
Visiting
United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and
Health Visiting

Health Authorities

Boards of Governors of Special Health Authorities in England
District Health Authorities in England
National Health Service Training Authority
Northern Ireland Health and Social Services Boards
Regional Health Authorities in England
Scottish Health Boards
Welsh Health Authorities

Other Health Agencies

British Red Cross Society
Health Education Council
Nuffield Hospitals
Royal Society of Health
St. John Ambulance

RCN Entities

RCN Associations
RCN National Boards
RCN Societies

CVCP EXECUTIVE PAPER
RESEARCH OFFICE

RCN COMMISSION ON NURSING EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF KEY ISSUES

Invitation to submit written evidence

This document contains statements which have been identified by the RCN Commission on Nursing Education as being of major concern and interest in the Commission's work, which is 'to examine the whole field of nursing education in the United Kingdom and to make recommendations.' As an aid to this task, the Commission is seeking responses to these key issues from the organisations on the accompanying list.

Your organisation is invited to submit written evidence to the Commission. Your response to and comments concerning the key issues can be recorded on this document. This is not meant to be an academic exercise, nor is the structure of the document meant to impose artificial constraints on the range of comments your organisation might wish to make to the Commission under its terms of reference. In addition to responses to these key issues, any other information which your organisation would wish to bring to the attention of the Commission would be most welcome.

Written evidence should be submitted by 30 September 1984. Any queries regarding this exercise, or the general work of the Commission, should be directed to the Secretary to the Commission, Mr. D.H. Rye, at RCN Headquarters, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1M 0AB (tel. 409 3333 ext. 268).

July 1984

General Guidance Note

The Commission on Nursing Education has identified the following fourteen key statements about nursing education. The purpose of inviting written evidence is to ascertain the views of a wide range of organisations about any or all of these statements.

To give the Commission as useful a perspective as possible, it is requested that responses be made in two ways:

- (a) by indicating the degree of agreement or disagreement to the statement on the scale immediately beneath the statement; and
- (b) by using the blank space beneath the scale to write narrative comments, to be continued on a separate sheet if necessary, in which the basic response can be elaborated.

It would be very helpful to the analysis of this information if the identity of the organisation, department, etc. completing the document could be indicated at the foot of the final page.

1. "Students of nursing should be students and not employees."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

2. "The education of nurses at basic and post-basic levels should be more closely integrated with mainstream further and higher education."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

-
3. "There should be a single basic qualification in nursing leading to registration."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

4. "In the future, manpower planning must take account of the number of students that are taken in to nursing and midwifery education in order to project more accurately the requirements of the service."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

-
5. "There are too many auxiliaries/assistants delivering nursing care."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

6. "All funds for nursing education, including continuing education, should be transferred to the National Boards for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

-
7. "Colleges of Nursing and Midwifery should have governing bodies that are independent of health authorities."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

8. "It would be desirable to create a new independent body to advise the Secretaries of State on the supply and education of nurses."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

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9. "All teachers of nursing should be graduates."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

10. "There should continue to be specific courses for the preparation of teachers of nursing."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

11. "Teachers of nursing should carry clinical responsibility."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

12. "There should be an increase in the number of places for undergraduate nursing degrees."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly Agree

Agree

No Strong Opinion

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

13. "It is possible to specify a common body of knowledge, attitudes and skills which would be appropriate to a basic qualification in nursing."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly Agree

Agree

No Strong Opinion

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

14. "It would be advantageous to have variability, depending on the curriculum taught, in the nature and type of qualifying examinations in nursing."

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box:

Strongly
Agree

Agree

No Strong
Opinion

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

THIS DOCUMENT WAS COMPLETED BY _____

(Name of organisation, department,
health authority, etc.)

(Date)

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS BY 30 SEPTEMBER 1984 TO MR. D.H. RYE,
SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION ON NURSING EDUCATION, ROYAL COLLEGE OF
NURSING, 20 CAVENDISH SQUARE, LONDON W1M 0AB.