

Minutes of Nursing Studies Meeting : 23rd February, 1984, Fraser Lodge.

Present: Liz Meerabeau
Cynthia Clamp,
Marion Ferguson.

1. PRESENT 3RD-YEAR STUDENTS

(a) Community Experience: Liz reported on satisfactory progress with placements and classroom work.

Evaluation: decision -

As students work with a number of different nursing personnel in their placements, it is difficult to obtain a meaningful written evaluation of their performance from one person; also, students are using the placements more as observers, and not as participants as they do when in hospital.

It was decided that when students discuss their experience at the end of the course, we should invite personnel from the community and ask for verbal comments.

(b) Summer Programme: Obstetrics and more general surgery.

It was decided: Obstetrics - Marion to finalise obstetrics experience.

General Surgery - Liz to approach Allocation Officer re arranging for placements.

(c) Plans for 4th Year: First term of the 4th year to be a consolidation period on -

- (i) Ward of choice and availability.
- (ii) Friday to be a study day.
- (iii) At the end of this period, students to take two professional assessments -
 - Part III : Total patient care - Examiners Cynthia & Liz.
 - Part IV : Managing a ward - Examiners Ward Sisters.
- (iv) The consolidation period to be underpinned by a course relating to ward management - details of this course still to be worked out in conjunction with advice from Jenny Boore, Asst. Director of Nursing Education, and Joe Smythe, Tutor to Professional Courses of Staff Nurses. (Liz to make initial contact).

Second Term: Geriatric experience. Consider the use of St. Pancras Hospital, and St. Mary's Wing (Dr. Fielding). (Liz to contact Allocation Officer).

- Third Term:
- ? Theatre (two weeks)
 - ? Accident and Emergency
 - ? Orthopaedic
 - ? Sexually-transmitted disease.

2. PRESENT 2ND-YEAR STUDENTS

Current Term: Completing psychiatric module - no special problems.

Summer Term: Liz to sort out allocation for placements.

Paediatric Experience:

Great Ormond Street is no longer prepared to provide placements.

Confirm: St. Mary's, Paddington to take 6 students.
Middlesex Hospital to take 5 students.

Next Meeting: 2nd May, 1984, 3.00 p.m. at Fraser Lodge.

copy to Mr. Ron Hoy.

M E M O

To : Ron Hoy
From : Marion Ferguson
Nursing Studies, Bedford College
Date: 18 October 1984

Dear Ron,

Enclosed please find the copy of our last Bedford College Nursing Studies Staff meeting. You will be pleased to know that we have added a part-time nurse tutor to our list. Nazeer. There are a few points that I need to discuss with you and where I need your advice. Maybe we ought to get together and discuss them but before that can happen I will put them to you on paper to think about.

1. Belts: The fourth year students are doing their consolidation period on the wards and they will be supervised in terms of teaching by Cynthia, Nazeer and Liz. At the end of this period they will be sitting their assessment in nurse management - assessment IV. We have not yet completed assessment III but will ensure that it happens when they will undertake their geriatric nursing in the Spring Term.

The students have expressed the wish that they would like to wear a belt to indicate their seniority so that they can take pride in their work. We had a debate about the belt and felt since the students themselves requested this their feeling of confidence would be enhanced indicating that they had achieved a standard. The question relates to the colour of the belt and it would be nice and fitting if they could wear purple or mauve, whatever the customary colour are. To introduce yet another colour would rightly add to the confusion of uniforms generally. It could be done that they get their belt after they had passed their assessment as the term has already started. The sisters might well argue that because the students never wore Middlesex uniform anyhow, they should not be entitled to wear the purple belt. The reason why the students never wore Middlesex uniforms was because demands would have been made on the students at a period when they would not have been ready to fulfill them. However, during their fourth year they are expected to come up the taking of staff nursing posts and following the assessments they should be on par with other students. The fact that they have asked to wear belts is to my mind a sign of commitment which should be supported. I do feel however, that I wish to discuss this with you as there may be objections the nature of which I am not too sure.

2. Staff Nursing posts in Bloomsbury for Bedford College/Middlesex Hospital Nursing Students

How do Bedford College/Middlesex Hospital nursing students stand in relation with nurses who train in Bloomsbury and are guaranteed to be offered some sort of job somewhere in Bloomsbury? I take it

There should not be any difficulty. Could you please let me know the procedure they would have to go through if they were interested in applying for a staff nurse's post. Jennie Booth of the Continuing Nursing Education Department is talking to them about their career prospects.

3. Potential Failures

It may be that students will be failing their second assessments III and IV in which case they may well need a further probation period before they can be given their SRN or before I can sign the piece of paper which signifies that they should be entitled to the SRN. Theoretically they could be sitting their examinations in Nursing Studies without obtaining the SRN but I think that would be of little use to anyone. And since the Department phases out in 1986 the problem would be to administer yet another examination, but am in discussion with Ivor Burton about this problem. If they failed could they be kept on as a student at Middlesex? What about payment?

Marion Ferguson