

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF INSTITUTIONS RECOGNISED BY THE
MINISTER OF HEALTH FOR THE TRAINING OF HEALTH VISITORS, AND OF
ORGANISATIONS OF HEALTH VISITORS.

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The Secretary,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Sir,

Training of Health Visitors.

I am desired to inform you that this Committee, composed of representatives of Training Institutions and of organisations of Health Visitors meeting in a consultative capacity, has, after prolonged and careful consideration, recorded its unanimous opinion that the present minimum period of six months is inadequate for the training of Health Visitors, and that the minimum period should be extended to nine months. The names of the members of the Committee are:

- Professor Winifred Cullis, Chairman.
- Mrs. Helena Reid, Deputy Chairman, Bedford College.
- Miss E. Wilkins, Battersea Polytechnic.
- Doctor Ethel Cassie,)
- Miss M. A. Lloyd,) Birmingham.
- Miss M. McEwan, College of Nursing.
- Miss H. Cooper Hodgson, Durham.
- Lady Leslie Mackenzie, Edinburgh.
- Doctor N. I. Wattie, Glasgow.
- Doctor Helen Standring, Hull.
- Doctor Ruth Proctor, King's College of Household
and Social Science.
- Doctor Ruby Bell, Liverpool.
- Miss J. M. Calder, Manchester.
- Miss O. Baggallay,)
- Miss F. E. Frederick) Public Health Section of
- Miss M. E. Platt,) the College of Nursing.
- Miss M. M. Wall,)
- Miss M. Bond, M.Sc.,)
- Miss M. Drummond,)
- Miss F. Goodall) Women Public Health
- Miss Amy Sayle,) Officers' Association.
- Miss M. Scott,)
- Miss E. Turner,)
- Miss M. Veitch,)

The main reasons upon which the Committee based its conclusion are embodied in the accompanying statement.

I am to request that serious consideration may be given by the Minister to this matter, with a view to an early modification in the Regulations for the Training of Health Visitors, requiring a period of nine months - or of three academic terms - as the minimum duration of a Training Course recognised by the Minister, in substitution for the present minimum period of six months.

I am also desired to inform you that the attention of the Joint Consultative Committee has been drawn to the general dissatisfaction which exists with regard to the present arrangements for the examination of Health Visitors. This matter is now under consideration by the Committee, and a detailed statement embodying the conclusions reached will be submitted to you.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

AMY SAYLE.

Honorary Secretary.