

18th May, 1983.

Miss P. Sayer,
Acting Education Officer,
The General Nursing Council,
23 Portland Place,
London W1A 1BA.

Dear Miss Sayer,

This is to acknowledge your letter of 11th May in answer to our requests relating to evaluation of practical assessment. We have noted your requirements, with which we comply, and we are in the process of designing specific documentation.

As to the organisation of practical experience in the care of children, I am pleased to be able to report to you that Miss S. Barlow, Director of Nurse Education at the Hospital for Sick Children, the Charles West School of Nursing, has agreed to provide relevant experience and study to be designed in a module of learning. As the details for this course will be worked on within the next month, I shall let you have its objectives in due course.

I am still waiting for the signed agreement from the Central Midwives Board relating to the provision of experience in maternity care and care of the newborn, and they in turn are waiting for an appropriate letter from Miss Hancock, the District Nursing Officer for Bloomsbury Health Authority.

Meantime, please find enclosed the learning objectives for the care of the mentally ill.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Ferguson,
Director of Nursing Studies.

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YOUR REFERENCE

11 May 1983

Miss M Ferguson
Director of Nursing Studies
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Dear Miss Ferguson,

Thank you for your letter of May 5 concerning the practical tests to be undertaken by the undergraduates. The difficulties being encountered with these are recognised.

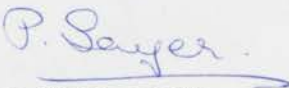
As you do not wish to consider changing the tests, it will be acceptable in the circumstances that the assessors for the undergraduates are not on the Council's panel; however, the following points will require attention:-

1. Only sisters/charge nurses should conduct the tests and these should be made aware of the policies related to them.
2. Specific documentation needs to be designed as the forms in use at the Middlesex Hospital for continuing assessment would not be suitable.
3. There should be a designated tutor to monitor and correlate the tests.

Mr Hubert will be pleased to give you any further advice as necessary.

I would be very grateful if you would please respond to my letter of March 30th and give me the information requested. I enclose a copy of this letter in case yours has been mislaid.

Yours sincerely,



P SAYER (MISS)
Acting Education Officer

c.c. Mr R Hoy, DNE,
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30 March 1983

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Miss M Ferguson
Director of Nursing Studies
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Dear Miss Ferguson,

Further to your recent meeting with Mr Hubert, I thought it might be helpful to set down the main points of the discussion and I itemise:-

1. That experience in the care of children is being sought in the Charles West School of Nursing.
When this has been agreed, will you please let me know?
2. That no difficulties are anticipated in the provision of experience in maternity care and care of the newborn.
Will you please let me have a copy of the agreement to this which has been reached with the Central Midwives Board.
3. That for both experience in the care of children and for the care of the mentally ill, learning objectives based on a nursing model are required.

I would be grateful to hear from you as soon as possible especially as far as items 1 and 2 are concerned.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

P Sayer (Miss)
Acting Education Officer