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Dear Dorothy,

Nursing Studies - Bedford Square - 1985-6

Thank you for letting me see your correspondence with Ivor Burton about the accommodation for nursing studies in 1985-6. I am sure that we can work something out and I would have thought that it was not desirable to split the teaching between Regent's College and 11 Bedford Square in the students' final year. Moreover I fully share Ivor's concern about the disruption which these students have already suffered and if we could give them a sense of belonging to a coherent community this would be most desirable. Moreover, if we could avoid paying Regent's College for rented accommodation that would be a benefit to us all. In consequence I should like to propose that the whole nursing studies operation (staff and students) should be accommodated at 11 Bedford Square in 1985-6 only.

From the correspondence I understand the needs of nursing studies in 1985-6 to be as follows:-

- (i) Two rooms for teaching staff.
- (ii) One room for a secretary (full or part time?) and the department records.
- (iii) Space for library books and readers.
- (iv) Seminar rooms for classes of ten students all day on Fridays (first term) and all day Tuesdays and Friday mornings (second term).

Obviously the detailed scheme for accommodating nursing studies at Bedford Square will need further elaboration but I would propose the following as a basis for discussion:-

- (i) One room for a member of staff might be provided by George Brown (as indicated in Ivor's letter) and the other could be room G4, this year allocated to medical sociology postgraduates but, in fact, completely unused.

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- (ii) The nursing studies secretary could take over the current Arts office, room G5. This has a telephone (at last!) and could house some filing cabinets (more room also in basement for storage). The Arts staff who currently use the room as a base would need to have access to the phone and be able to leave books etc there. But I am sure it would be possible to work out a tolerable arrangement.
- (iii) The Library could be housed in the reading room (G3) where there are already some bookcases standing empty. Since the secretary's room (G5) would open off the library, she could keep an eye on the books. The exact extent of the library problem is not clear to me. Obviously the reading room must be available to all students and it is sometimes needed for evening parties.
- (iv) Without consulting Roz Stanley's current time-table on use of rooms, I am not sure how difficult it may be to accommodate a class of ten on Tuesdays plus Fridays. But since all the five seminar rooms can accommodate ten students (only two can take more than ten), I think the problem can be easily resolved. In the case of extreme pressure on rooms perhaps we could revive the idea of renting the odd room from Birkbeck College next door? But judging by current usage, I do not think this will be necessary.

There will be no difficulty in sharing the common facilities, kitchen, common room etc. I hope one xerox machine will continue to be sufficient for all users of the building. There is only one womens' lavatory in the basement and another in George Brown's unit. I suppose this will be sufficient?

We are planning to hold another users' meeting at 5.00 pm on Thursday March 12, when Mr Coatesworth will join us. If the interested parties were able to work out a scheme in time for the meeting that would be a great help. The temporary loss of the Arts office will not be welcomed but I believe that we should all cooperate to help nursing studies in 1985-6 and I would hope to be able to persuade my colleagues on this point.

I look forward to hearing your views about these proposals.

Yours,

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