

22nd May, 1984.

Mr. Ron Hoy,
Director of Nurse Education,
Middlesex Hospital School of Nursing,
Foley Street,
London W.1.

Dear Ron,

re: Paediatric experience for 5 Bedford
College Nursing Students.

I am grateful to you for being willing to consider five of our undergraduate students for their paediatric experience, as Stan Holder has accepted the remaining six students.

The time-tabled experience is to be 2½ days per week, Wednesday afternoons, all day Thursday and Friday. The dates are from 4th October, 1984, up to and including 6th and 7th December. If it can be arranged, it would benefit students to spend varying periods working on both surgical and medical wards but, given the time restriction of the course, it probably would be more advantageous for students to be attached to two wards only at the most.

The aim of the course should be to provide students with an introduction to Child Development as well as the care of sick children in hospital - so that ultimately students are able to understand and therefore to discuss basic issues in the nursing care of sick children.

There is no way we can expect specialist competency of students, given time and availability of placement constraints. However, I expect undergraduate nursing students to, at least at a theoretical level, comprehend the complexities involved in the nursing of sick children, coupled with a certain amount of competence in relation to the actual physical handling of a young child.

The half day is meant for classroom work, that is to the underpinning of so-called theory to that which is likely to take place during the two days' practice, and it would require your teaching staff involvement. I would be pleased if perhaps one, if not two, multiple-choice exams were set, as well as the responsibility taken for a project of choice.

A Health Visitor on my staff will be doing some work with the students on Child Development.

Please contact me again for any future information you might require.

Yours sincerely,

Encl. List of Students.

Marion Ferguson,

Pædiatric Nursing Experience - Third Year Students - 1984-85

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DUFFY, Anna
HARRISON, Sharon
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