

NMC UK Wide Quality Assurance Framework PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT

	London South Bank University			
Programme Provider Name: (Education provider and associated practice placement	In partnership with:			
	NHS London			
	University College London Hospitals NHS Trust			
	Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust			
	Barking Havering and Redbridge NHS Trust			
	Whipps Cross Hospital NHS Trust			
	Chelsea and Westminster NHS Trust			
providers)	Great Ormond Street Hospital Foundation NHS Trust			
	South London and the Maudsley Foundation NHS Trust			
	North East London Foundation Trust			
	Camden and Islington Mental Health Trust			
	Barking Havering and Redbridge NHS Trust			
	University College London Hospital NHS Trust			
NMC Provider Code:	8831			
Programmes Monitored and clinical focus:	□ Pre registration nursing □ Adult □ Child			
	☐ Mental health ☐ Learning disabilities			
	□ Pre registration midwifery			
	Specialist community public health nursing			
	Learning & assessment in practice			
	☐ Mentor ☐ Practice teacher ☐ Teacher			
	Supervisor of midwives			
	Return to practice Nursing Midwifery			
	Specialist practitioner			
	☐ Adult nursing ☐ Mental health ☐ Children's nursing			
	☐ Learning disability nurse ☐ General practice nurse			
	☐ Community mental health nursing			
	☐ Community learning disabilities nursing			
	☐ Community children's nursing			
	☐ District nursing			
	Overseas nurses programme			
	Overseas midwives programme			
	□ V100 □ V150 □ V 300			





	Nurses part of the register				
Part of Register Programme/s Lead to:	⊠ RNA	RNMH	RNLD	RNC	
	Midwives part of the register				
	⊠RM				
	Specialist community public health nurses part of the register				
	RHV	RSN	ROH	RFHN	
	RSCP				
	Recorded qualifications				
	☐ V100	☐ V150	☐ V 300		
	☐ Teacher				
	Specialist practitioner				
	☐ SPA	SPMH	SPC	☐ SPLD	
	SPGP	☐ SCMH	SCLD	☐ SPCC	
	☐ SPDN				
	Non recordable				
	☐ Supervisor of midwives				
Managing Reviewer / Reviewer(s):	Managing Reviewer: Peter Mc Andrew				
	Reviewers: Jan Stosiek – Pre-Registration Midwifery				
	Alan Glasper – Pre-Registration Nursing (Adult Field)				
Academic Year:	2012/13				
Date of Monitoring Event:	09 & 10 January 2013				
Date of monitoring Event.					
Date of Report:	16 January 2013				

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The Faculty of Health and Social Care at London South Bank University has a long-standing reputation for professional education, training and research in the fields of nursing, midwifery, social work and professions allied to health and medicine. The Faculty provides preregistration programmes of preparation for nurses and midwifes. The Faculty maintains good governance procedures to ensure that all lecturers with a professional qualification are registered with the statutory body and have a recordable teacher qualification. Academic staff are highly committed and enthusiastic towards the programme quality and their academic role. Sufficient appropriately qualified mentors are evident in practice experience to meet the number of students. The associated practice placement providers are commended for the proactive measures that are implemented to ensure that there are a supply of appropriate mentors and sign off mentors to meet the needs of current and future students.

The admission process is robust and is undertaken jointly with service partners. Service users and carers make a contribution towards the selection process in all programmes either through providing resources or supporting the development of questions. The admission





process includes the testing of numeracy and literacy skills and there is an impressive commitment to improve the effectiveness of these tests. The Virtual CRB Panel ensures students on admission with previous convictions are appropriately risk assessed. The Faculty is commended for the implementation and commitment to the project to assess the student's values on admission through the Mendas Psychometric Testing programme. Procedures to address issues of poor performance in both theory and practice are well understood and implemented effectively with examples being provided of where this has been successful. Fitness to practice procedures are fully implemented and are comprehensive and well managed. These procedures ensure that all issues that may relate to public protection are appropriately and consistently addressed. Systems for the accreditation of prior learning and achievement (APL) are fully implemented and mapping evidence is available of where accreditation has taken place which demonstrates that all NMC requirements are being fully met.

There is strong evidence of effective partnerships with service providers and associated education providers at both strategic and operational levels. There is also strong evidence that these partnerships are being used to develop innovative solutions to challenges that exist. The Faculty is seen as being responsive to meeting the needs of contemporary practice and this is confirmed by the Directors of the Nursing Services and by the Commissioners. Educational Audit is appropriately implemented and fully meets NMC requirements. The arrangement that the Trust education lead or appointed deputy in the practice learning organisation review all completed audits before they are signed off and review that all action plans are appropriately met is impressive. The Practice Education Facilitator role is commended for being pivotal in maintaining the quality of practice experience, in meeting the challenges of service reconfiguration and supporting the mentor role. Placement Management is impressive and meets the many challenges that exist in maintaining high quality practice experiences. Issues arising from the escalation process. clinical governance, quality reports or service re-configuration have all been successfully managed. There is strong evidence that an effective process is in place to assess the need to withdraw or rest placements when it is necessary to protect student learning. Mentors impressively commit to their role and to supporting students who are experiencing issues with progression but they are well prepared to fail students when this is indicated. The skill mix of the Faculty which includes joint appointee's facilitates an appropriate emphasis on practice learning. The Faculty has made impressive progress through the Faculty User Involvement Steering Group to implement across all programmes effective and meaningful involvement of service users and carers in programme development and delivery. The Faculty needs to continue this good work and ensure that across all programmes service users and carers are fully engaged with the admission and assessment processes and that the needs of contemporary practice are fully met. The patient experience revolution initiated by Bart's Health NHS Trust and the 'in your shoes initiative' is highly commended and permeates the value of service user engagement throughout the organisation. The Faculty is commended for the investment in the VITAL (Vital Involvement in Training and Learning) Programme which prepares service users and carers for a role in education development and delivery. This is a significant development and is worthy of wider dissemination. Education staff have a strong presence in practice settings which is valued by service partners and students.

Students achieve the NMC learning outcomes/competencies for entry to the nursing part of the register. Students emerging from the programme are considered fit for practice by employers and commissioners. The EU requirements are fully met and students are appropriately exposed to other fields of nursing. Competencies for registration are verified by service users at OSCE and through final management placements by practice colleagues. The management arrangements for the development and delivery of generic modules is very impressive and ensures that module content and learning experiences appropriately feature





all fields of nursing and midwifery practice.

Students achieve the NMC learning outcomes/competencies for entry to the midwifery part of the register. Students emerging from the programme are considered fit for practice by employers and commissioners. The Lead Midwife for Education verifies that the students emerging from the programme have completed the EU requirements and have met all academic and practice requirements and are fit for purpose.

All modules and programmes are subject to the evaluation process and there is strong evidence that issues raised are responded to in an appropriate and timely manner. The Draft NMC Self-Assessment Report is excellent and provides a high quality analysis of the education provision. The External Examiner reports for the pre-registration adult nursing and midwifery programmes are very supportive of the quality of the programmes and the academic support and feedback given to students. They recognise a high level of student achievement. They also include comments in relation to activities they have undertaken to monitor the assessment of practice which includes monitoring OSCE's, sampling practice portfolio's, meeting students and mentors and visiting practice learning areas. The Faculty may wish to consider an appropriate strategy for responding to External Examiner Annual Reports that do not meet an acceptable level of quality.

