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NMC UK Wide Quality Assurance Framework

PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT

University of Derby		
	In partnership with:	
	North Eastern PCT	
	Derbyshire PCT	
	Nottingham NHS Mental Health Trust	
	Derbyshire NHS Mental Health	
	Derby City Hospital	
	Derbyshire Royal Infirmary	
	Haddon House	
	Rutland Manor Care Home	
	Abbey Park Nursing Home	
	Ashcroft Care Home	
	Bankwood Care Centre	
Programme Provider Name:	Barlborough NHS Treatment Centre Claybourne	
(Education provider and	Ernehale Lodge Nursing Home	
associated practice placement	Littleover Nursing Home	
providers)	Lower Bowshaw View Nursing Home	
	Maple Leaf Nursing Home	
	Mickley Hall	
	Oaktree Lodge	
	Rider House	
	St Michaels Nursing Home	
	St Werburgh House	
	Stanton Hall	
	The Firs Nursing Home	
	The Meadows Care Home	
	Victoria Park Care Centre	
	Nuffield Hospital	
	Park Lodge	
	Ladywood Nursing Home	
NMC Provider Code:	8510	



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Programmes Monitored and clinical focus:	Pre registration nursing □ Adult □ Child Mental health □ Learning disabilities Pre registration midwifery Specialist community public health nursing HV □ SN □ OH □ FHN 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 children's nursing Overseas nurses programme Overseas midwives programme V100
Part of Register Programme/s Lead to:	Nurses part of the register RNA RNA RNMH RND RM Specialist community public health nurses part of the register RHV RSCP Recorded qualifications V100 V150 V100 V150 Specialist practitioner SPA SPGP SCMH SPGP SPDN Non recordable Managing Beviewer: Shirley Cutts
Managing Reviewer / Reviewer(s):	Managing Reviewer: Shirley CuttsReviewers:Susan Plummer - Pre-registration Mental Health Nursing





Academic Year:	2011/12
Date of Monitoring Event:	21 - 22 February 2012
Date of Report:	27 February 2012

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The School of Health provides pre-registration adult and mental health nursing education. Adult nursing is delivered on two academic sites, one in Derby and one in Chesterfield, the academic content of mental health nursing is delivered in Derby with students undertaking placements in Chesterfield and the surrounding areas.

The mental health teaching team is small and makes good use of its resources. All members have current registration and a recorded teaching qualification and all hold a specialist qualification in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT). A workload planning system is in place which enables personal and professional development alongside meeting the demands of the curriculum. One team member has a role of Placement Lead, overseeing placement allocations and ensuring that there are sufficient updated mentors in practice areas. Mentor updates occur in the Trusts, being part of mandatory training in some areas. Mentors are encouraged to attend.

Applications to the programme are buoyant. Shortlisted applicants are required to attend for a half day interview which consists of group activities and individual interviews. Practice partners and service users are involved in all stages of the process. Robust Fitness to Practise procedures are in place, mentors and students are well informed regarding the process. The university has clear guidelines regarding APEL procedures, which to date have been applied for candidates transferring into the programme.

Partnership working is strong with both practice partners and other universities. A number of working groups address placement issues and are well attended by members of the Universities of Derby and Nottingham and practice partners. Video conferencing is used routinely to enable participation from geographically distant areas. Audits are shared with the University of Nottingham and are conducted biennially. Students are encouraged to participate in local initiatives, with these activities being incorporated into the curriculum and assessment strategy. The involvement of service users and carers is embedded in the curriculum, with activities including curriculum delivery and development and admissions. Practice partners are also involved in these activities.

Mentor updates are provided by the link lecturers, sometimes supported by the Practice Development Facilitator (PDF). The PDF ensures that names of attendees are forwarded to the holder of the mentor register; inactive mentors are also identified on the register. The size of the mental health team and the large geographical spread of practice placements make visibility in the practice settings difficult. The team have developed a model of telephone support which students and mentors confirm is effective. Mentors and students are complimentary regarding the responsiveness of the team.

The team are commended for their inclusive approach to programme development and delivery. All participants comment that they feel valued members of the team.

NHS East Midlands and practice partners are satisfied with the skills and competence of qualifying students, with the majority finding employment locally. Varied teaching and assessment strategies, including involvement in local initiatives, provide creative opportunities for students to develop their knowledge. Staff are responsive to suggestions and quick to act.



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Students engage with evaluation systems and can identify where changes have been made in response to their suggestions. Feedback to practice areas is prompt. Programme Committees and placement committees are well attended by practice partners and students. The external examiner is supportive of assessment strategies and procedures, attending Assessment Boards regularly and meeting with students.

The university's quality assurance procedures are robust, ensuring that all university and professional requirements are met, in programme developments and approvals.

