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NMC UK Wide Quality Assurance Framework PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT

Programme Provider Name: (Education provider and associated practice placement providers)	University of Keele In partnership with: University Hospital North Staffordshire NHS Trust Combined Healthcare Trust Staffordshire and Stoke On Trent Partnership NHS Trust			
NMC Provider Code:	8835			
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 learning disabilities nursing Community children's nursing District nursing Overseas nurses programme Overseas midwives programme V100 V150 V 300			
Part of Register Programme/s Lead to:	Nurses part of the register 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			



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	☐ Teacher				
	Specialist practitioner				
	☐ SPA	SPMH	SPC	SPLD	
	SPGP	SCMH	SCLD	☐ SPCC	
	☐ SPDN				
	Non recordable				
	Managing Reviewer: Suzanne Reed				
Managing Reviewer / Reviewer(s):	Reviewers:				
	Professor Diane Fraser Pre-registration Midwifery Joanne Marshall Mentorship				
Academic Year:	2011/12				
Date of Monitoring Event:	17/18 January 2012				
Date of Report:	21 January 2012				

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The School of Nursing and Midwifery is based in the Faculty of Health Clinical Education Centre at the University Hospital of North Staffs NHS Trust which opened in 2004. The Faculty also incorporates under and post graduate Schools of Medicine; Pharmacy and Health and Rehabilitation. There is an extensive skills laboratory, and inter-professional Health Library, High Tech Teaching and Learning Facilities and IT labs with a focus to multidisciplinary learning and team working. There are 600 pre-registration students in total. Midwifery student numbers have risen by just over 1/3rd to 27. A new Health Visitor Programme has recently been approved and extra funding allocated by the SHA to mentorship preparation.

All Programme Leads hold current relevant NMC qualifications and have experience commensurate to their role. There are sufficient staff and sufficient suitable mentors to support the volume of students. Support provided for students in the mentorship programme is reported by all stakeholders as second to none.

The admission process complies with all NMC requirements. Midwives have Criminal Record Bureau checks prior to admission and complete an annual self-declaration. Mentors have CRB checks completed on appointment by their employer with additional self-declaration when commencing an NMC programme. A Fitness to Practise University Regulation and Health and Conduct Committee and Fitness to Practise Panel are in place. Cases are referred from the Health and Conduct Committee to Fitness for Practice in accordance with NMC guidelines. NMC key risks for practice governance are controlled and partnership working is excellent.

The SHA described the University as very strong with extremely low attrition rate and having achieved all national quality standards at the 2011 review and in particular, that the Head of School engages with the wider health agenda by participating in new and planned developments. Key stakeholders spoke highly of the University staff describing them as



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"responsive, very solid and a preferred provider". Most academic staff are visible in clinical areas; all are contactable and respond without delay if a problem should rise.

Service users are involved in programme development and delivery with a range of activities across pre-registration nursing and midwifery including development of a DVD; speaking at conferences; reviewing interview questions. Midwifery students are linked to charitable groups an example of this link is with "Embrace" to find out service user experiences of maternity services.

Link lecturers are allocated to specific placements areas with a policy in place for 3 visits per year. Activities and dates of visits by link lecturers are recorded on a matrix grid. All mentors have completed a triennial review within the timescale and assessor reliability is addressed in updates. Mentor registers are accurate with colour coded alerts for dates of update when they become imminent.

External examiner reports confirm the achievement of NMC Learning Outcomes. Quality Assurance policies and procedures are in place and a robust framework controls NMC key risks.

