

NMC UK Wide Quality Assurance Framework
PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT

<p>Programme Provider Name: <i>(Education provider and associated practice placement providers)</i></p>	<p>University of Northampton In partnership with: NHS East Midlands NHS South Central Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Bedfordshire PCT NHS Northamptonshire Provider Services St Andrews Healthcare Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Northamptonshire General Hospital United Lincolnshire Hospital (2nd reg Children's Nursing)</p>
<p>NMC Provider Code:</p>	<p>8823</p>
<p>Programmes Monitored and clinical focus:</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Pre registration nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health <input type="checkbox"/> Learning disabilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre registration midwifery <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist community public health nursing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HV <input type="checkbox"/> SN <input type="checkbox"/> OH <input type="checkbox"/> FHN <input type="checkbox"/> Learning & assessment in practice <input type="checkbox"/> Mentor <input type="checkbox"/> Practice teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor of midwives <input type="checkbox"/> Return to practice <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Midwifery <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Adult nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health <input type="checkbox"/> Children's nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Learning disability nurse <input type="checkbox"/> General practice nurse <input type="checkbox"/> Community mental health nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Community learning disabilities nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Community children's nursing <input type="checkbox"/> District nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas nurses programme <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas midwives programme <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> V100 <input type="checkbox"/> V150 <input type="checkbox"/> V 300 </p>

Part of Register Programme/s Lead to:	<p>Nurses part of the register <input type="checkbox"/> RNA <input type="checkbox"/> RNMH <input type="checkbox"/> RNLD <input type="checkbox"/> RNC</p> <p>Midwives part of the register <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RM</p> <p>Specialist community public health nurses part of the register <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RHV <input type="checkbox"/> RSN <input type="checkbox"/> ROH <input type="checkbox"/> RFHN <input type="checkbox"/> RSCP</p> <p>Recorded qualifications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> V100 <input type="checkbox"/> V150 <input type="checkbox"/> V 300 <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher</p> <p>Specialist practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> SPA <input type="checkbox"/> SPMH <input type="checkbox"/> SPC <input type="checkbox"/> SPLD <input type="checkbox"/> SPGP <input type="checkbox"/> SCMh <input type="checkbox"/> SCLD <input type="checkbox"/> SPCC <input type="checkbox"/> SPDN</p> <p>Non recordable <input type="checkbox"/> Mentor <input type="checkbox"/> Practice teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor of midwives</p>
Managing Reviewer / Reviewer(s):	Managing Reviewer: Meriel Hutton Reviewers: Joanna Dunn (HV and V100) Melvyn Dunstall (Midwifery)
Academic Year: Date of Monitoring Event:	2012/13 12 and 13 December 2012
Date of Report:	18 December 2012

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The University of Northampton (UoN) School of Health provides both three year (direct entry) and eighteen month (for registered adult nurses) pre-registration midwifery programmes. Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (SCPHN) programmes run at UoN include Health Visiting. Community nurse prescribing (V100) is integral within this programme for those whose seconding Trust requests it. All these programmes meet the relevant NMC standards.

Registrant teachers at the UoN all have NMC recorded teaching qualifications or are working towards them. All programme leads are recorded teachers with relevant experience and work with due regard.

There are sufficient sign-off mentors for the midwifery students, but the large increase in numbers of student health visitors is challenging. The Trusts operate a 'long-arm' approach to mentoring in which all students and their mentors are overseen by a named practice teacher. However, several 'mentors' are not yet qualified as such and are mentoring students while undertaking the NMC approved mentor preparation

module or waiting to start it.

UoN School of Health recruitment and selection processes are comprehensive and follow NMC guidelines. There is well established involvement of practitioners, service users and carers in the selection of students. Health and character checks are carried out before accepting students on the programmes and continue to be monitored annually. UoN has a robust fitness to practise policy to deal with issues of poor performance.

UoN has an excellent relationship with the education commissioners at South Central and East Midlands SHAs. Partnership working with the Trusts and the Local Supervising Authority Midwifery Officer is commendable. Adverse CQC outcomes at Pilgrim Hospital Boston last year led to a vastly improved system for communicating Trust clinical governance issues to partner HEIs. Joint working with the other universities that place students at Pilgrim Hospital produced a comprehensive action plan which has now been satisfactorily worked through. Placements are routinely audited within NMC guidelines.

Mentors are prepared through an NMC approved course which is delivered at most partner sites. **We recommend that preparation of midwifery mentors includes a specific reminder of the legal aspects around attending a birth and that student midwives delivering babies unsupervised should cease.**

Opportunities for mentor updating are plentiful and mentor registers indicate that this is embedded in annual appraisal processes. Triennial review is well established across all Trusts.

Practitioners, service users and carers are involved in all aspects of programme planning and delivery. **The service user and carer involvement initiative is commendable.**

Academic staff visit students in practice whenever requested and are involved with tripartite assessments. External examiners are supportive of the standards of assessment on both programmes and are given opportunities to attend university-based assessments of practice or review video recordings of them.

Midwifery students achieve the NMC learning outcomes and competencies for entry onto the midwifery register and have a high level of employment post qualification. UoN is the South Central SHA's preferred provider of Health Visitors but those undertaking the V100 report limited experience of prescribing in practice.

UoN has comprehensive quality assurance processes which draw on student evaluations of programmes and practice to continually enhance the quality of their experience.