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Dear Colleagues

Programme requirements for registration as a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse - Sexual Health Advisers

The NMC have mapped competencies for sexual health advisers against the competencies for specialist community public health nursing. Criterion has been agreed to enable registration for specialist community public health nurses (SCPHN) who specialise as sexual health advisers working at population level. If your Institution is interested in delivering this programme the mapping document of the competencies for inclusion on such a pathway is attached in Annexe One and will also be available on the NMC website www.nmc-uk.org

Registrants who wish to register as a SCPHN may do so either by satisfactorily completing a programme of study leading to the specialist community public health nursing programme - sexual health adviser pathway; using APEL (up to one third of the programme) to map existing knowledge, skills and competence or to migrate via portfolio.

The NMC have agreed that registrants on the nursing or midwifery parts of the NMC Register who are employed as sexual health advisers and who are working at population level will be able to apply for migration via portfolio until December 2009. The application pack and proforma will be available on the NMC website (www.nmc-uk.org) from October 2007 until December 2009.

All enquiries should be referred to Julie Matthews, Professional Officer, Specialist Community Public Health Nursing, by e-mail at julie.matthews@nmc-uk.org.

Yours sincerely

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