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Resources to support programme intentions

Summary

This circular and its annexe sets out amended requirements for programme providers who must provide evidence at programme approval that resources are currently available to support programme intentions.

This circular

- applies to UK wide approved education institutions (AEIs) offering NMC programmes leading to registration or to recording on the register
- sets out revised requirements for confirming at programme approval that theory and practice learning resources are available to support programme intentions (Annexe 1)
- replaces NMC Factsheet F/2004 Quality Assurance Framework for Nursing and Midwifery Education - Statement of Compliance – England, which is now withdrawn
- applies with immediate effect
- should be read and applied in relation to each respective programme standards document and the *Standards to support learning and assessment in practice* (NMC 2008).

Background and annexe

- In 2004, the NMC put in place a requirement in England for a statement of compliance, signed by programme commissioners, to be provided at programme approval to demonstrate sufficient resources were in place to deliver the programme. This was issued as NMC Factsheet F/2004.
- It is essential that adequate practice learning opportunities and other resources are available to support the intended programme outcomes. Annexe 1 draws on the principles of NMC Factsheet F/2004 and sets out new requirements for evidence to be submitted confirming sufficient resources are currently available at the point of approval to support both theoretical and practice learning intentions.
- Imminent changes in commissioning have led to the need for a different system for evidencing resources that are currently in place at programme approval. The way this is done is now for programme providers and their partners to determine using similar criteria to that in NMC Factsheet F/2004. The new requirements are set out in Annexe 1.

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