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Dear Colleague

IMPLEMENTATION OF PRECEPTORSHIP FOR NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS

Summary

1. The United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting (UKCC) have recently issued guidance on the implementation of a period of support and preceptorship for newly registered nurses, midwives and health visitors and for those practitioners returning to practise after a break. The relevant UKCC circular is Registrar's Letter 1/1993.

Action

2. Ministers have expressed their support for this initiative and we expect all Health Boards and NHS Trusts to prepare for the introduction of preceptorship along the lines set out by the UKCC. A number of Health Boards and NHS Trusts are already providing preceptorship from within their existing funds.

3. This letter should be copied to Unit General Managers for action.

Yours sincerely

for
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