

MINUTES

National Nursing and Midwifery Sector Committee

23 October 2009, 11.00am-3.00pm 9.30am, **Room 1.1, UNISON, 1 Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9AJ**

PRESENT: Lynn Staines (Eastern); Surinder Gidda (East Midlands); Mike Davey (Greater London); Geraldine Maddison (Northern); John Gilgunn (Northern Ireland); Bindy Sumner (South West); Jean Morris (Wales); Ann Moses (Yorkshire & Humberside); Mick McKeown.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Adams, Robert Baughan

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1/10/09	INTRODUCTIONS	
2/10/09	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Peter Atkinson, Julie Biggs, Alex Joyce, Christine Sullivan, Christine Wilde,	
3/10/09	MINUTES The minutes of the Nursing and Midwifery Sector meeting held on 16 July 2009 were noted and approved as a true record of proceedings.	
4/10/09	MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda.	
5/10/09	HEALTH CONFERENCE 2010	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motions: The following were considered as subjects for motions for the 2010 Health Conference. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sickness Absence and the nursing & midwifery workforce ➤ National competency framework for HCAs ➤ Mental Health Officer status and pensions ➤ Community alliances ➤ Manifesto for nursing 	<p>Surinder Gidda</p> <p>Surinder Gidda Peter Atkinson Mick Mckeown</p> <p>Gail Adams</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify two delegates to attend and speak on behalf of the committee. 	Robert

- Mick Mckeown was nominated as one of the delegates. The remaining delegate will be decided at the February meeting.

**Baughan/Gail
Adams**

- Themes for focus and/or fringe. The theme of the fringe will be a “manifesto for nursing”.

**Gail Adams/
Robert
Baughan**

Objective 1: Recruitment, Organising and Representing Members

6/10/09 RECRUITMENT, RETENTION & ORGANISING

- Latest recruitment figures: Although figures from the autumn intake of students were not yet available initial reports from student nurse officers were promising.
- Nursing Times/UNISON Strategic partnership: The sector asked to gather and provide feedback on the partnership .
- Organising project (to note a written report): The report was noted
- Structures Review (to note SGE report): The report was noted

All members of the Nursing Sector

7/10/09 BUDGETS

- To receive a verbal up date on the 2009 budget & to be aware of the 2010 budget: A verbal report was noted.

Objective 2: Negotiating and Bargaining on Behalf of Members

8/10/09 AGENDA FOR CHANGE

- To note SGE report: It was noted that the government has confirmed it will honour the three year deal. It was requested that Sara Gorton provide a report on on-call for the next meeting.
- To note UNISON's Pay Review Body Evidence: The report was noted.
- To note NHS Employers Evidence: The employer's evidence was noted

Gail Adams/Robert Baughan to request Sara Gorton

9/10/09 STAFFING LEVELS

"Speak up / speak out" (draft to follow): It was suggested an algorithm be added to the draft. The draft will be ready for publication in February 2010.

Robert Baughan

10/10/09 WORK PROGRAMME

- To receive an up date on the work programme for 2009/10. A verbal was noted.

Objective 3: Campaigning and Promoting UNISON on Behalf of Members

11/10/09 NMC

- Health Professional Regulatory Bodies Report (to note the report): Concerns remain regarding the performance of the NMC particularly regarding its handling of the Margaret Haywood case, and the implementation of

electronic Fitness to Practice.

- NMC Review of Pre-Registration Nurse Education: The Review is to go to national consultation between January and April 2010.
- Whistle blowing: Following the Margaret Haywood case the NMC is currently drafting guidance in association with UNISON, other trade unions, patient groups and Public Concern at Work.

12/10/09 NURSING CONSULTATIONS

- New horizons: Towards a shared vision for mental health (consultation response (paper to follow) to note): UNISON's response was noted.
- NHS Bursary Review Consultation: It was noted that UNISON's surveys are due to close on 30 November and that all student nurse members are being urged to participate.
- NHS Institute (High impact actions for Nursing & Midwifery): The initiative championed by the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement.

13/10/09 NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

- A verbal report, covering ISA, Prime Ministers Commission for Nursing & Midwifery, CNO Business Meeting, NT Summit and the Skills passport was noted by the Committee. Written reports on Transforming community services & Swine Flu were also noted.
- Mary Seacole statue: The Nursing Sector discussed ways of UNISON supporting the fund for the Mary Seacole Statue.

14/10/09 SUB GROUP PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

To receive a report on the mental health professional work programme. A verbal report was noted.

Objective 4: Developing an Efficient and Effective Union

15/10/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To be notified to the Chairperson before the start of the meeting.

It was requested that Nursing Sector minutes for 2009 be placed on the web site.

**Robert
Baughan**

16/10/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 2010

4th or 9th February

**Gail
Adams/Ann
Moses**