STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 724

NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS

The Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (District Nursing Joint Committee) Order 1983

Made - - - - -	12*th May* 1983
Laid before Parliament	13*th May* 1983
Coming into Operation	17*th June* 1983

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 8(4), (5) and (6) of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979**(a)**, I hereby make the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (District Nursing Joint Committee) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 17th June 1983.

(2) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"the Committee" means the District Nursing Joint Committee constituted by this order;

"health service" means the health service established in England and Wales in pursuance of section 1(1) of the National Health Service Act 1977**(b)**, in Scotland in pursuance of section 1(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978**(c)** and in Northern Ireland in pursuance of Article 4 of the Health and Personal Social Services Northern Ireland Order 1972**(d)**.

Constitution of District Nursing Joint Committee

2.—(1) There is hereby constituted a joint committee of the Central Council and National Boards which shall be known as the District Nursing Joint Committee.

(2) The Central Council and the National Boards shall consult the Committee on all matters relating to district nursing.

(3) The Committee shall consist of not less than eighteen and not more than twenty-seven members appointed by the Central Council after consultation with the National Boards of whom the majority shall be persons who work or have worked in the professional field of district nursing.

(a) 1979 c. 36.
(b) 1977 c. 49.
(c) 1978 c. 29.
(d) 1972/1265 (N.I. 14).

(4) Persons who are not members of the Central Council or of any of the National Boards may be appointed as members of the Committee.

(5) The members of the Committee shall include at least:—

(*a*) four members of the Central Council at least one of whom is engaged in district nursing,

(*b*) one member of each National Board who is engaged in district nursing and who is not one of the members appointed under sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph,

(*c*) two registered medical practitioners appointed after consultation with bodies representative of the part of the medical profession from which the appointment is to be made,

(*d*) four persons specially qualified to advise the Committee on matters affecting professional education generally,

(*e*) one person with experience in health service management, and

(*f*) one person with experience in local government.

(6) The Central Council shall, after consultation with the Committee, appoint a member of the Committee who is either a member of the Central Council or a member of a National Board to be chairman of the Committee.

Norman Fowler,
One of Her Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.

12th May 1983.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order constitutes a District Nursing Joint Committee as a joint committee of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting and the National Boards for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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