STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1982 No. 1568

NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS

The Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Health Visiting Joint Committee) Order 1982

Made - - -	*27th October* 1982
Laid before Parliament	*10th November* 1982
Coming into Operation	*1st December* 1982

The Secretary of State,
in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 8(1) and (6) of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979(**a**), hereby makes the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Health Visiting Joint Committee) Order 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1982.

(2) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires—
"the Act" means the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979;
"the Committee" means the Health Visiting 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 Social Services Order 1972(**d**).

Constitution of Health Visiting Joint Committee

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

(2) 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 health visiting.

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

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

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

(*a*) four members of the Central Council who are also practising health visitors,

(*b*) one member of each National Board who is also a practising health visitor 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.

(5) 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

K. Clarke,
Minister of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

27th October 1982.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order constitutes a Health Visiting 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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