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SCHOOL OF HEALTH STUDIES SCORE HIGHLY IN ANNUAL REVIEW OF TEACHING QUALITY

The School of Health Studies at the Gibraltar Health Authority was visited by the external moderator from Sheffield University, Ms Gerry Marvell on 30th April 2008. The purpose of the visit was to review the delivery of the Diploma (HE) in Nursing for student nurse training which is offered at present through collaboration between The University of Sheffield and the GHA.

There are currently 11 student nurses on the programme who are eighteen months into the three year course. Ms Marvell attended the Board of Studies meeting and noted that she was extremely impressed with the running of the course, the good relationship between clinical and academic staff and noted and that she had found the students to be extremely good ambassadors for nursing. She said she was impressed by their professionalism.

The Board of Studies also noted the Annual Review of Teaching Quality which was carried out by The University of Sheffield. This review highlighted satisfaction with the quality of the course and the School of Health Studies staff were delighted to note there were no further actions required for improvement by The University of Sheffield.

The external examiner, Mrs Stephanie Aiken, also commented in her formal report about "the excellent relationship between clinical and academic staff" and noted that "the standard of the course is consistent with other nursing courses run by other Universities in England".

Dr Karen Norman, who is responsible for the GHA's School of Health Studies, noted that "this was a commendable achievement and testimony to the hard work and enthusiasm of the course team".