

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND

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1st September 1996 - a historic day for nursing/midwifery education in Scotland, when the business of most of the Colleges amalgamated into the tertiary education sector. The Scottish Office had announced seven successful bidders for the twelve Colleges: Glasgow Caledonian University, Napier University, University of Paisley, Bell College of Technology - Hamilton, University of Stirling, Robert Gordon University, University of Dundee.

Administrative amalgamation is, of course, just a first step and there are many issues to be resolved in the coming months and years ... especially regarding grading, staffing levels, etc. It's too early yet to note major trends - but most have at least undergone a change of name, if not address, e.g.:

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Hartwood Campus
Hartwood Hospital
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DUMFRIES DG1 4SG

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Old Perth Road
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University of Dundee
Ninewells
DUNDEE DD1 9SY

LAUNCH OF BRITISH NURSING INDEX

Two major professional indexes are being integrated to form the most comprehensive and up-to-date system of nursing information in the UK.

Bournemouth University's Library and Information Service has joined forces with the Poole Hospital NHS Trust, Salisbury Hospital NHS Trust and the Royal College of Nursing to establish this new venture.

The *British Nursing Index* (BNI) is a marriage of two already well-subscribed systems - *Nursing and Midwifery Index* (NMI) previously published by a consortium of Bournemouth University & Poole Hospital NHS Trust and Salisbury Hospital NHS Trust with *RCN Nurse ROM* and *Nursing Bibliography*, published by the RCN.

This will be the first time such an information source has been available in three distinct formats to satisfy increasingly varied professional demand - on the Internet, CD-Rom and printed text.

The pooling of these resources will result in a new database featuring over 220 health-related journals - with 9,000 references to be added every year.

"The BNI will enable nurses, midwives and health visitors to gain access to the latest professional literature simply, quickly and efficiently," explains Jill Beard of Bournemouth University's Library and Information Services. "It will be an extremely valuable resource for them wherever they are studying and will obviously have great benefits for patient care."

Tony Shepherd, Head of Library Services at the RCN, adds: "The advent of BNI could not come at a better time for nursing in the UK. There is an increasing demand for current information to be made more easily available to the profession. BNI is a major step forward in meeting this demand."