

Book Review

Using information in managing the nursing resource. Developed by a Five Regional Consortium in conjunction with Greenhalgh and Co. Ltd. 1991

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This is a learning programme comprising seven books. Five single learning modules deal with: quality, human resource management, financial management, workload, and skill mix management. The remaining two books are supplementary texts entitled "Setting the context" and "Analysis and presentation".

The aim of the course, which is intended for managers of nursing, midwifery and health visiting is to 'ensure that managers of the nursing resource become confident in utilising management information in their decision making'.

All seven books represent 'state of the art' information skills essential for the manager's survival in today's health care climate. The content is obviously based

on a wealth of experience from expert groups in five regions. The central skill emphasised is the 'use of information', its presentation and interpretation.

The content has been extremely well thought out, and is also presented well. Each learning module comprises explicit learning outcomes, carefully thought through examples and exercises for the reader to try out as well as key references.

All the learning modules would be an invaluable and essential resource to managers of nursing at all levels, also aspiring managers, students and teachers of management in health care settings, as well as nurses, midwives and health visitors interested in management and health care issues.

This package is highly recommended, as is its intention, for open or distance learning and for group and/or facilitated learning. It is available from Greenhalgh and Co. Ltd., GCL House, Gunco Lane, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 7JL, Tel (0625) 612261.