New rules will not be used until 1999

I am writing to correct part of the report of the recent RCN Council meeting (News February 4).

The review of Congress standing orders and constitution began in July 1997. Since September, members have been consulted and their views have shaped the draft proposals.

During Congress in April, delegates will have further opportunities to discuss the proposals and voting to adopt the new rules (formerly standing orders) and constitution will take place on Thursday.

The newly adopted documents will be used for the first time during Congress 1999 and not this year as stated in your article.

Vicky Stephenson
Chair
RCN Congress

OBITUARIES

Nurse authors will be sorry to hear of the death of Patrick West, former editor with Scutari Press. Patrick had a long association with medical and nursing books. His philosophy was if you find an author worth encouraging you look after them. A Memorial Service, will be held on Saturday March 14 at 2pm, St Mary's Church, Chapel Street, Penzance

Monica Baly

It is with great regret that the A&E department at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, wishes to inform colleagues of the sudden death of Gary Richards who had been a charge nurse here for many years. He will be greatly missed by all colleagues.

Denise Rock

I am researching into the role of the nurse in dermatology. I would like to hear from dermatological nurses involved in innovative practice.

Terry Adams, Senior Lecturer
Liverpool John Moores University
School of Health, 79 Tithbarn Street
Liverpool L2 2ER
e-mail TAADAMS@LVJM.AC.UK

I am researching into near-death experiences. I would like to hear from anyone who has experience of this.

G Perry
c/o 46 Carisbrook Road, Nuneaton
Warwickshire CV10 0BT

We want to set up an evidence-based practice group and would like to hear from any other trusts who have done so.

JM Tanner Staff Nurse
Ribchester Hospital
Ribchester, Lancashire PR3 5XD
Tel: 01772 782216

We want to introduce an integrated notes system for patients receiving chemotherapy on an oncology day ward and want to hear from others who have implemented such a system.

Susan Riddell
Ward G10
Beatson Oncology Centre
Western Infirmary
Dumbarton Road
Glasgow G11

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