Calling all members of the May 1977 set at Southend District School of Nursing. As we approach 20 years since qualification, I would love to hear from any of you.

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I am a staff nurse on a thoracic surgical ward. Members of the nursing team are designing leaflets on individual operations and adopting a patient-centred approach. I would like to hear from other thoracic surgical nurses who have been involved in similar projects, or other professionals who can provide advice about the design and format of information leaflets.

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Hospital at Home is an innovative community nursing scheme providing acute medical interventions to the NHS patient at home, or enabling patients to return home early from hospital following surgery or medical care. The team is interested in expanding the range of treatments and the remit of acute nursing care. This initiative is part of the intermediate care provision for the locality and ultimately aims to reduce pressure on acute hospital beds as well as offering choice to patients and a quality value for money service. I would very much value your comments, suggestions and insight into initiatives in your locality in order to assist the expansion of the service.

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I am aware that a device exists for measuring urine volume based on ultrasound technology. I would like to hear from anyone with experience of this machine. I would also like to hear from anyone with experience of using doppler technology for the assessment of deep vein thrombosis. Does anyone have a dedicated prevention of DVT team similar to the pain teams that are now commonplace in most hospitals?

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I am a staff nurse on an oncology/surgical ward and assist in the chemotherapy day unit. I am doing a reflexology diploma and hope to use the skills in the unit. Any information, research, or personal experiences of reflexology on chemotherapy patients would be gratefully received.

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I am in the process of setting up a pre-admission clinic for a surgical unit. I am looking for any information, protocols, etc, from anyone who already runs or works in a pre-admission clinic.

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We have set up a working group to develop a student-friendly policy for the trust, including providing guidelines for the students' responsibilities regarding nursing tasks, and responsibilities of staff regarding structured learning for students. We would be grateful for any documents or data that might help us structure our policy. An account of any experiences of similar policies or projects in your trust would also be welcome.

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I am a paediatric staff nurse in the day surgery unit and have been asked to set up a protocol for paediatric discharge medication. I would be interested to hear from anyone who has experience in doing anything similar or has a protocol already in place.

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We are requesting information from community based, multidisciplinary teams, particularly those that provide a service for people with physical disabilities. We are particularly interested in how the services are operated and any outcome measures used.

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