my family commitments. I feel like giving up and honestly regret choosing nursing as a career.
Linda Payne
Kent

Three-line whip won’t encourage prescribing

Your article on nurse prescribing (analysis November 7) quotes me as stating that in relation to undertaking nurse prescribing ‘some district nurses and health visitors need a three-line whip’.

What I actually said was that in some areas they had experienced a three-line whip approach, with the role becoming obligatory – despite this being contrary to the NHSE Guidance on Nurse Prescribing, which states that nurse prescribing for existing nurses is optional [section 12].

Suggesting that a three-line whip approach needs to be taken is not consistent with the principles of the UKCC Scope of Practice document relating to the importance of determining each practitioner’s knowledge, skills and competence on an individual basis when deciding whether or not to expand practice. I hope this clarifies the situation.

Fiona Culley
Independent nurse adviser

A funny way to celebrate our golden jubilee

I recently received a large brown envelope with the RCN logo stamped on the front and bearing the inscription ‘Celebrating 50 years of NHS nursing’. Inside was a well reproduced booklet entitled Managing Your Stress – A Guide for Nurses’. How appropriate.

Christopher Humm
Kent

Anecdotes and stories on children’s hospitals needed

I am a freelance journalist writing a book on children’s hospitals. I hope to include a section on nurses’ experiences over the years.

I would like contributors to send me details of which hospitals they worked in, types of illnesses and treatments, and any other outstanding memories. Contributors can remain anonymous if they wish and all material used will be acknowledged. If people prefer, they can fill in a questionnaire. Also, does anyone know of a national organisation for retired nurses?

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