Comprehensive and relevant to most nurses, the fourth edition of Bridgit Dimond’s voluminous text has a tendency in places to be rather wordy. However, there are plenty of boxes which explain the legal concepts in greater depth and numerous clinical examples serve to illustrate the points being made.

The cover states that questions and answers are supplied at the end of each chapter to allow for testing and revision. I can find the questions and exercises, but the answers are nowhere to be found. Perhaps they can be added for future editions.

This is a useful book for libraries and a good resource for undergraduates.

**Legal Aspects of Nursing**

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**The best of the week’s health-related TV and radio**

**PICK OF THE WEEK**

**THE HOUSE OF OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVES**
Monday August 1, Channel 4, 9-10pm
Three people with obsessive compulsive disorder agree to live together and undergo accelerated therapy. Wendy Johnstone (in the left of the picture) has not touched her twin children for five years. Gerard McAree is terrified of human contact and Sophie Prosser Morgan spends three hours a day washing her hands. Working with therapists from the Maudsley Hospital, this is a last-ditch attempt to rebuild their lives.

**MONDAY AUGUST 1**

**The House of Obsessive Compulsives**
Channel 4, 9-10pm
See Pick of the Week

**The Private Life of Harley Street**
BBC 2, 8-8.30pm
Surgeon Charles Akle hunts down a thyroid tumour, and plastic surgeon Martin Kelly rebuilds a young boy’s shattered face.

**TUESDAY AUGUST 2**

**File On 4**
BBC Radio 4, 8-8.40pm
Under a proposed finance system, hospitals will be paid only for the individual number of people they treat. But with the Audit Commission saying that this strategy could lead to financial instability, what do hospital trusts think of payment by results?

**THURSDAY AUGUST 4**

**The Expert Patient**
BBC Radio 4, 8-8.30pm
The expert patient initiative being launched by the government plans to harness patients’ own knowledge and teach them to take more responsibility for their health. But is this really about patient empowerment or simply a cynical money-saving exercise.

**TRAUMA**

BBC 1, 8-8.30pm
At the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel, Paul Walman starts his 12-hour shift treating a badly scalded baby who has pulled a pot of boiling soup from the stove.

Compiled by nurse and lecturer Margaret Paul

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