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Dear Lord Willis

I write on behalf of Professor Alan Simpson, Chair of the Mental Health Nurse Academics (UK group. He has requested that I forward to you the attached evidence and recommendations in response for your call for contributions to the Royal College of Nursing Commission on Nurse Education.

Professor Simpson and MHNAUK group members are committed to developing the quality of mental health nursing, secured by a strong evidence base. They warmly welcome this initiative and would be more than happy to contribute to the work of the commission if requested.

Yours sincerely

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