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### Important Milestone for School of Health Studies Student Nurses

Fourteen students from the School of Health Studies have completed their 3 year programme of study, culminating in the award of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Adult Nursing. Four students have received a first class honours degree awarded by St Georges and University of London and Kingston University London.

The role and function of the School of Health Studies is to offer a range of educational activities. The programmes are forward-looking, anticipating not only today's expectations but tomorrow's demands. The School of Health Studies are dedicated to advancing the health and well-being of individuals and communities and are delighted to be able to announce these outstanding results from the biggest ever cohort of registered nurses completing their course at the Gibraltar Health Authority.

Professor Ian Peate, (Head of School), congratulated not only the students who have achieved outstanding degree classifications, but also all of the staff at the School of Health Studies and all clinicians who have contributed to this success.

All 14 students have been successful in being offered employment with the Gibraltar Health Authority. Mrs Sandie Gracia, Director of Nursing Services was thrilled with the achievements and welcomes the staff nurses as they take up their posts.

The Minister for Health, Care and Justice, the Honourable Mr Neil F. Costa MP, said: "I wholeheartedly congratulate all the students on their achievements and on this important milestone and I look forward to welcoming them into our GHA family. This locally delivered and assessed programme further demonstrates the Government's desire and on-going commitment to look locally in preparing and sourcing our health care workforce. I am looking forward to celebrating their achievements at the Rock Hotel on 3rd November 2017 when their graduation ceremony will take place. The provision of high quality, safe and effective nursing care is demanding. Staff require a great deal of foresight, innovation and creativity, and a strong grasp of the sciences and the latest technologies. Our staff are able to demonstrate all of these traits and abilities. I wish them all the best with their new careers".