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### Open Evening - School of Health Studies

The School of Health Studies held Open Evening Wednesday 23rd May 2018. The event was open to the community, with the aim of providing information to persons interested in undertaking a career in Nursing. The open evening provided attendees with an opportunity to meet staff and students, to discuss programme content, requirements and to experience some of the teaching and learning resources that are used in the School on the BSc (Hons) programmes.

The School of Health Studies are offering three-year degree programmes, in conjunction with St George's University of London and Kingston University London. Students will study full time in Gibraltar, undertaking both clinical and theoretical teaching in various care areas. The programmes on offer are a BSc (Hons) in Mental Health Nursing and a BSc (Hons) in Adult Nursing. In addition to these, the School of Health Studies deliver Enrolled Nurse courses, Diploma Higher Education Nursing, and MSc Leadership and Management for Health Care Practice, in collaboration with Pearson Edexcel, St George's University of London and Kingston University London and the University of Salford respectively. An extensive variety of programmes on continuing professional development is also delivered to staff at the School of Health Studies.

Since 2012, 25 students have qualified to become Registered General Nurses, with a further 8 due to complete their studies in September of 2018. In addition, 37 Enrolled Nurses have qualified since 2013, with 17 students due to complete the course in August of this year.

Professor Ian Peate, Head of the School of Health Studies said: "The School of Health Studies provides locally delivered nurse education programmes to the highest professional standard. External assessment is undertaken by a UK university, ensuring that we continue to provide healthcare that is responsive to local needs, is compassionate and delivered by highly competent and confident staff."

The Minister for Health, Care and Justice, Neil F Costa opened the event, he commented: "My Ministry and the GHA are delighted to support the School of Health Studies as it continues to broaden its educational portfolio. For the first time in Gibraltar, a BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing will be running alongside the already, well established, BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing by offering the additional Mental Health Nursing degree, my Ministry and the GHA demonstrate our continued commitment to invest in persons wishing to pursue a career in nursing and to providing high quality,

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safe and effective mental health care. By delivering degree courses at the School of Health Studies, we are giving persons, who may have otherwise not had the opportunity to undertake such studies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian and his excellent team for the important work they are doing in this regard.”

Further information on the programmes on offer may be obtained via: <http://shs.gha.gi>