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Bullying and Harrassment in Nurse Education: An Issue of Workforce Retention

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**Background, including underpinning literature and, wherever possible, the international relevance of the research**

Bullying and harassment is sadly too prevalent in nursing, causing victims work-based stress that can affect not only the individual but also quality of care and their perspective on the profession. Such negative experiences can impact on victim's professional development and whether they decide to remain in the profession on qualification.

**Aim(s) and/or research question(s)/research hypothesis(es)**

The aim of the survey was to assess impact of workplace violence, in the form of bullying and harassment, on nursing student's experience during placement and to make recommendations for education and placement providers.

**Research methodology/research design, any ethical issues, and methods of data collection and analysis**

This is a qualitative study adopting a descriptive phenomenological approach. The study was conducted between June and July 2015. Open-ended questions were uploaded in the format of a commercial internet survey provider (SurveyMonkey.com) and distributed across a sample of nursing schools in the UK. The number of respondents was 657. Responses of students were analysed and coded by using thematic content analysis.

### **Key findings and recommendations**

Responses of students were grouped under three main themes and some sub-themes. These main themes are (1) Culture of nursing, (2) Acceptance of the culture and (3) Impact of the culture. Many indicated they experienced workplace violence and it made them consider leaving nursing. Some had normalized the poor behaviours as part of nursing (See Table 1).

In conclusion, current students are the future of the profession and have a key role in shaping the culture for generations to come. Workplace violence, in the form of bullying and harassment, is prevalent and can negatively influence their view of the profession and their professional development. Universities and placement providers need to work together to reduce the incidence and impact of workplace violence in order to improve the culture of practice and foster a more positive image of the profession.

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**Keywords** (up to five)

- workplace violence,
- bullying and harassment,
- culture,
- workforce retention
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**Three key points to indicate how your work contributes to knowledge development within the selected theme**

- Workplace violence causes nursing students to consider leaving the program
- Nursing students need to know how to report and respond to workplace violence
- Collaboration between universities and practice providers has an important role reducing the incidence of workplace violence

**Table 1: Themes and Sub-Themes**

Themes	Sub-themes	Some Quotes
<b>Culture of nursing</b>	<p>Like tigers, nurses eat their own young</p> <p>Sitting on the sidelines</p> <p>Learning by humiliation</p> <p>The dog's body</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>"I was disrespected on the basis that I am 'below' qualified staff and because I am a student."</i></li> <li>• <i>"I have been made to feel that I am in the way or that staff do not want me there."</i></li> <li>• <i>"I was verbally abused for being stupid and was humiliated during handover for my mistake. However I had no bad intent and it was an honest mistake."</i>,</li> <li>• <i>"I have been made to feel like a personal slave and I feel as though I am often called to do the jobs that no-one else wants to do."</i></li> </ul>
<b>Acceptance of the culture</b>	<p>Normalising poor behaviour</p> <p>Negative role models</p> <p>Losing hope</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>"what I experienced was not considered serious enough....it was seen as part of having to work with people in stressful environments and a nursing skill."</i></li> <li>• <i>"Mentors can be inappropriate at times expecting far to much an never praise when you do something right but are more than happy to point it out when something's wrong!"</i></li> <li>• <i>"Once you report a nurse as a bully the whole team of nurses in the ward will go against you which may ruin the whole placement so sometimes is best to keep your mouth shut."</i></li> </ul>
<b>Impact of the culture</b>	<p>Diminished learning opportunity</p> <p>Effects on self-esteem and self-concept</p> <p>Giving-up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>"This has limited the learning opportunities they give you for questioning such actions."</i></li> <li>• <i>"I feel as a student nurse it happens all the time and sometimes it makes you feel so worthless and has a massive impact on my self-confidence."</i></li> <li>• <i>"I have sometimes been put in situations in which I feel are not suitable for a student. I have considered leaving many times, and my attendance has suffered."</i></li> </ul>