

and *Containing Children*' (1999). The Society has published both editions of 'Standards of Care Paediatric Nursing' with the Paediatric Nurse Managers Forum. The Society works in a similar way to the other groups and also has specific groups in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales as well as some Regional Groups.

#### 10. **The RCN Paediatric Nurse Managers Forum**

- 10.1 This Forum consists of members who work with children's services in a position of professional or managerial leadership at G grade or above. It works in a similar way to the other groups and is part of the RCN Management Consortium. The Forum's recent survey of acute service provision for children throughout the UK is awaiting publication.

#### 11. **The RCN working with other agencies**

- 11.1 The RCN has a good track record in working with other organisations in order to improve health care. This is particularly well developed in relation to paediatric nursing.

#### **The Joint Children's Advisory Board on Children's Nursing**

- 11.2 The Board was established by the British Paediatric Association prior to the RCN's appointment of a paediatric nurse adviser, and the establishment of paediatric nursing groups. The BPA established the Advisory Board to deal with concern that children's nurses had no forum in which to discuss issues relating to the nursing of children or to voice any concerns. Since 1984, the Board has been serviced by the RCN, and the Committee includes representatives of the RCN, the Association of British Paediatric Nurses and the Neonatal Nurses Association, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons, the Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists, the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, and Action for Sick Children. The Committee meets three times a year, and aims to share expertise and experiences, and to work together on specific topics in order to enhance the health care of children. In 1996 in conjunction with the RCPCH the Committee published *Developing Roles of Nurses in Clinical Child Health*.

#### **The Joint Standing Committee between the RCN and Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health**

- 11.3 This Committee comprises three members of each organisation. The present Chair is an Assistant General Secretary of the RCN. The President of the RCPCH and the General Secretary of the RCN meet annually together with other Officers of both Colleges.
- 11.4 The RCPCH invites the RCN to nominate a nurse to many of its Working Groups. Present examples are the Accident and Emergency and Adolescent Health groups. The current RCN paediatric nurse adviser was the first nurse to be elected an Honorary Fellow of the BPA in 1994, and a founding Fellow of the RCPCH in 1996.