

## **THE BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY INQUIRY**

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#### **Powers and Purpose of the Council**

##### ***1 The aims, date of establishment and legal foundations of the body***

1 The UKCC, together with the four National Boards (in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), regulates the education and practice of nurses, midwives and health visitors. The 1997 Act is a consolidation of the 1979 Act which established these bodies, and the 1992 Act which reformed their powers and composition.

2 The role of these statutory bodies is to define standards for the education, clinical practice, and professional conduct of nurses, midwives and health visitors; and to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of these standards. Broadly, the UKCC is responsible for standard setting and conduct procedures, including maintaining the register of professionals deemed fit to practice. The National Boards are responsible, within their respective countries, for oversight of the implementation