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**INQUIRY INTO REGISTERED NURSES IN NEW SOUTH  
WALES NURSING HOMES**

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As a registered nurse until five years ago, I feel able to quote my own experience of aged care as my Mother was in a facility for six years until 2005. The registered nurses had to spend far too much time on paperwork and were not around the patients for most of their shift. The care was left to E.N.s, some with only a few weeks training and while eager to do their best were hopelessly inadequate for the tasks. In a lot of cases empathy for the elderly was not present. Medications should be left to R.N.s only. To have a better quality of staff you need better pay for R.Ns and E.N.s