

RCN Policy Unit briefings

The unit works proactively with a range of governmental and non-governmental organisations to analyse, understand, and influence the development of health and social care policy. As part of sharing that learning with members, and encouraging involvement, the team has produced briefings on a number of issues that affect nurses and nursing.

The briefings can be found on the Policy & Consultations section of the RCN website (<http://www.rcn.org.uk/aboutus/policy/commentary>) and have been catalogued by the year in which they were produced. A number of Policy Unit briefings on Modernising Nursing Careers can also be found on the Future Nurse, Future Workforce Project page.

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- A review of the consequences of additional private drugs for NHS care (2008)
- A Short Guide to World Class Commissioning (2009)
- Acute and multidisciplinary working (2006)
- Assisted Suicide – an overview of the debate (2009)
- Breaking down barriers, driving up standards – the role of the ward sister and charge nurse (2009)
- Commissioning a Patient-Led NHS (Archive)
- Community Hospitals Toolkit (2007)
- Congress 2008: RCN Policy Overview (2008)
- Consent to access, share and create e-health records (2008)
- Constitutions, Bills and Charters of Rights – options for NHS reform. The Political Debate in the UK (*Projects / Constitutions, bills and charters of rights - options for NHS reform*)
- Consultation on the Long Term Future of England's Social Care System (2008)
- CQC Statement of Involvement: Voices for power - putting people at the centre of care quality (2009)
- Dealing with Knife Injuries: the Nursing Role (2009)
- Department of Health Tender for Commissioning NHS Services (2006)
- Draft guidance on NHS patients who wish to pay for additional private care - A Consultation (2008)
- Ensuring a Fit for Purpose Future Nursing Workforce (*Projects / FNFW / MNC*)
- Executive Director of Nursing – RCN Policy Position (2009)
- Financial deficits in the NHS (Archive)
- Framework for the Registration for Health and Adult Social Care Providers (2008)
- Funding Nursing Education (2008)

- Glossary of Terms (2005)
- Health reform in England: Update & commissioning framework (2005)
- Health Reform in England: Update and next steps (2006)
- Hospital Organisation and Management Factors in Infection Control: King's College London Scoping Review (2008)
- Individual Budgets (2008)
- Influencing Health Scrutiny (2007)
- Integrated Care Pilots (2009)
- Local lobbying: working with Health Scrutiny (2006)
- Looking Back to Look Forward: Key Lessons from System Regulation of Health and Social Care in England (2009)
- Mergers, Markets & Monitor: FT Update (2007)
- Modernising Nursing Careers (Projects / FNFW / MNC)
- Modernising Nursing Careers 2 (Projects / FNFW / MNC)
- Next Stages Review - Engagement Event Report (2008)
- NHS Constitution - Consultation brief and call for responses July 2008 (Projects / Constitutions, bills and charters of rights - options for NHS reform)
- NHS Constitution and NHS Board - Summary England (Projects / Constitutions, bills and charters of rights - options for NHS reform)
- NHS Constitution and NHS Board – Political Debate England (Projects / Constitutions, bills and charters of rights - options for NHS reform)
- NHS Foundation Trusts Survey, 2008 (2008)
- NHS Next Stage Review - Darzi Report (2008)
- NHS reforms - Que Sera? Whatever will be, will be? (2007)
- NHS Trust and SHA deficits (2006)
- Nurse-led social enterprise (2006)
- Nursing Models in patient-led Primary Care Service (Archive)
- Organ Donation Consultation (2009)
- Our Health, Our Care, Our Say (2006)
- Our NHS, Our Future. A World Class NHS (2007)
- Patient choice, patient outcomes and nurse staffing (2006)
- Payment by Results - update and discussion (2006)
- Payment by Results : Reform for funding flows in the NHS (2005)
- Productivity and Nursing Workforce (2007)
- Registering Choice: How primary care should change to meet patient needs (2006)
- Setting Appropriate Ward Nurse Staffing Levels (2006)
- Social Enterprise Update (2007)
- Statutory consultation (2006)
- The Assistant Practitioner Role – A Policy Discussion Paper (2009)
- The Care Quality Commission (CQC) in England (2008)
- The House of Commons Health Select Committee: Public and Patient Involvement in the NHS (2007)
- The Local Government White Paper: Strong & prosperous communities (2006)
- The NHS in England: operating framework 2006/2007 (Archive)

- Towards a Strategy to Support Volunteering in Health and Social Care (2008)
- Trust, Assurance and Safety - The regulation of health professionals in the 21st century (2007)
- Two consultations on Modernising Nursing Careers (*Projects / FNFW / MNC*)
- Untapped Potential: a survey of RCN nurses working in mental health (2007)
- Wanless Social Care Review - Securing Good Care for Older People: taking a long-term view (2006)

The Policy Unit also manages the process of allocating all policy consultation documents received by the RCN to the staff member with the appropriate expertise to lead a response. Information on consultation documents that are currently active as well as a selection of responses are also listed on the Policy & Consultation section of the website (<http://www.rcn.org.uk/aboutus/policy/consultations>) and this enables members to participate in the RCN's response to those consultations.

If you have any comments or wish to contribute further, please go to the policy section on the Discussion Zone (http://www.rcn.org.uk/discussion_zone) or email: policycontacts@rcn.org.uk.