

UK Mental Health Nurse Expert Advisory Group

The purpose of this group:

- To influence Mental Health policy and practice development, embracing it in its wider sense across all organisations; connecting UK wide 4 Countries; representing the voice of mental health nurses
- To influence, inform and drive policy, new ideas and use best outcomes to raise Mental Health Nursing profile
- To respond to National and Local activities in relation to Mental Health in a timely manner and work with RCN Forums and MHN professional networks

Its membership is:

Name	Membership	Role/Area of Expertise	Representation
Tony Butterworth	Member	Emeritus Professor CBE, Chairman, Foundation of Nursing Studies	Foundation of Nursing Studies
Avril Devaney	Member	Director of Nursing	Chair of MHLD Director of Nursing
Helen Eunson (Scotland)	Member	Professional Lead Nurse	Mental Health NHS Highland
Edward Freshwater	Member	Chair of MHN Forum	RCN MH Forum
Catherine Gamble	Chair	Head of Nursing MHN Practice Education, Research	MHN RCN Professional Lead
Sarah Holmes	Member	lived experience, coproduction, carer involvement, service development	NHS MH Confederation
Phil Hough	Member	lived experience, coproduction, carer involvement, service development	NHS MH Confederation
Ben Hannigan Steven Prymachuk	Shared Member	Professors of Mental health Nursing Nursing Research	Vice Chair Mental health Nurse Academics UK
Andy Mattin	Vice Chair	Chief Nurse CNWL	London Director of Nursing chair
Dave Munday	Member	Unite the Union Lead	Professional officer (mental health)
Joanne McDonnell	For information only	Nursing Directorate (National) NHS England	Senior Nurse for Mental Health
Linda McKechnie (Scotland)	Member	Lead Nurse/Professional Manager, Dumfries	Nurse/Professional Manager
Claire Murdock	Member	National Mental Health Director	NHS England
Hazel Powell Adrian Jones (Wales)	Shared Membership	Wales Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol / Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board	Nurse Director Mental Health & Learning Disability
Briege Quinn (Ireland)	Member	Assistant Director of Public Health Nursing for Mental Health & Learning Disability, Public Health Agency Northern	Northern Ireland Public Health & Learning Disabilities

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		Ireland & Lead for the RCN Mental Health Network	Mental Health Nurses Network
Ben Thomas	Member	Professional Nursing Adviser for Mental health	NHSI
Mary Watkins	Member by correspondence	Baroness Watkins of Tavistock	House of Lords

Members:

- Represent their organisation or forum and be able to disseminate information to these
- Bring their expertise and background to the discussion and decision-making
- Understand their own responsibility in relation to progressing actions and relevant communications on behalf of their organisations area of expertise, own area of expertise, demographic or system
- Understand high level programme/programme plans and have the ability to monitor progress against them
- Understand and act on those factors that affect the successful delivery of any generated work programme and programmes within it.
- Broker relationships with stakeholders
- Provide delegated authority, as required, to ensure the programme meets its objectives.
- Be aware of the broader perspective and use national networks
- Ensure work generated by the group is supported and implemented
- Understand the whole system responsibility to implementing any programme of work effectively

Members will

- Provide expert advice on Mental Health nursing issues
- Develop and influence Mental Health Nursing to support the implementation of the best professional practice and standards of care
- Shape and influence Mental Health locally and nationally, monitor and report on the impact of such policies on Mental Nursing and patient care
- Further the better education of the Mental Health Nursing professional
- Will use Mental Health Nursing research outcomes for the purpose of improving Mental Nursing practice and testing and disseminating Mental Health knowledge