

Supporting student attendance at RCN Pride event: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Dear (Programme Lead / Practice Education Facilitator / Placement Manager),

I am writing to request your support in enabling nursing students to attend a Royal College of Nursing Pride event taking place on Friday 19 June at RCN Headquarters from 10am - 4:15pm.

The theme of the day is:

*Vital voices: celebrating our community, shaping inclusive healthcare*

The nursing voice is vital, and as students are the future voice of the profession, it is essential that they are supported to engage with opportunities that shape inclusive, compassionate and courageous practice from the outset of their careers. Our profession is made stronger by many unique, diverse and powerful voices, and this event is intentionally student-focused as they are our advocates of change within nursing.

The event will celebrate the LGBTQIA+ nursing community while exploring the critical role nurses play in delivering truly inclusive healthcare. Students will hear from nursing leaders and changemakers pushing for progress across the nursing profession, alongside patient voices from the LGBTQIA+ community. Sessions will both inspire and empower attendees, while offering practical learning that can be directly applied to their practice.

Attendance aligns strongly with the NMC Standards for Student Supervision and Assessment, particularly in relation to:

- Practising in line with professional values, respect, and dignity.
- Delivering person-centred, inclusive and non-discriminatory care.
- Understanding and addressing health inequalities.
- Developing effective communication, reflection and advocacy skills.

The event also provides clear opportunities for students to evidence learning within their Practice Assessment Document (PAD), including reflection on

equality, diversity and inclusion, professional values, and engagement with wider professional issues. Attendance can support assessed reflection, professional discussion and development of the competencies required for safe and effective practice.

In addition to its educational value, the event offers important opportunities for professional networking to form a strong sense of belonging within the profession, all of which are known to support student retention and confidence.

We would therefore be grateful for your support in recognising this event as a valuable educational and professional development opportunity and, where possible, enabling students to attend as part of their academic or placement learning.

If you require any further information regarding the event, learning objectives or how attendance supports NMC requirements and PAD evidence, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support in championing inclusive education and in developing the next generation of the nursing profession.

Yours sincerely,



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