

RCN PORTSMOUTH BRANCH MEETING

25th March 2025 5-6pm D10 /Lotus meeting Room QAH

1. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance: Sue Morris (Steward + Branch Chair); Jo Clarke (Branch Secretary); Shelly Pearce; xxxx (Student nurse); Gloanne Lapuz-Flores (Health + Safety rep + Branch Treasurer); Andy Gillon (learning rep); Ellen McNicholas (RCN SE Regional Director)
On line: Chibueze Obiyor (Steward); Gehad Karmout (Learning Rep + Deputy Chair); Julie Dearlove (RCN Officer); Kim Bygrave (Learning rep).

2. APOLOGIES

Misha Sugrue-Gee (H+S rep); Gary Browning (Branch EDI officer)

3. GROUPS / SUPPORT

Several Whats app group now exist to link people together (with permission): Branch execs; Portsmouth reps (a/w response from some reps) and Congress. Also Portsmouth Branch face book group

4. UNION OFFICE + NOTICE BOARD (info for reps)

- This office is in the QUAD centre (1st floor, opposite stairs), Key pad access so code needed. Unison admin use office so best to contact them if you need to book area. There is also a small store room and RCN have a couple of drawers. We do need some leaflets on site.
- Union Notice board on B level – now have key and board cleared a/w JCNC and Union reps info

5. UPDATES

- Useful visit 28/2/25 by Nicola Ranger to ED + ward - witnessed Corridor care and held open forum, also raised was lack of supernumerary time for new staff.
- UK reps Spring conference held in Bristol in March. Key themes:
 - Corridor care and the role reps can play and benefit of joint working. Tools available on RCN website (Reps) for inspections and risk assessments. Incident reporting essential. Please do read RCN Corridor Care Report published in January
 - Pay update and band 5 -6 review
- Band 2-3 update in PHUT – discussions well underway

6. RECRUITMENT

Suggestions for RCN involvement in events:

Support Worker Conference 24/6/25 Cosham Baptist Church 8.30-4 – volunteers + materials needed

PHUT Induction – general awareness for new employees to join a Union

Joint JCNC / Union awareness afternoon proposed – will need volunteers

[Post meeting notes – PRIDE June; Nurses Day May]

7. STUDY EVENTS + PLANS

The 2025 branch plan was distributed.

- A walkabout will take place on the 9th April 2025 by Julie Dearlove if you would like to attend email Julie.
- Proposed AGM combined with study day is to be planned for the September / October – need Learning Reps to support.
- Approached by Southampton Branch for a combined study event – would need additional funding, but group were in favour of investigating – need lead on this (contact Sue)

8. IOW

RCN members in IOW are currently linked with Southampton, but as PHUT now has corporate partnership and strong links, it has been proposed that they join us at Portsmouth instead. Group in favour. RO`s to look at implications of this

12. CONGRESS AGENDA ITEMS

The congress agenda items were distributed and can be found on the RCN website. Please discuss with colleagues and share your views / thoughts – feedback to voting members. Attending Congress for Portsmouth: Sue, Chibu, Shelley and Gehad

13. AOB

- NHS ENGLAND

Discussion took place on restructuring and our thoughts are with those people involved

NEXT BRANCH MEETING

May 20th 17.00 to 18.00 D10

Invited Guest Rosemary Gorvin - Board member

Feedback from Congress

Items for next agenda to Sue Morris (Chair) sue.morris@porthosp.nhs.uk by 9th May please