



Royal College  
of Nursing

# Retired Members' Conference 2024

4 September 2024

Virtual

Please note these programme details and timings are subject to change.

## Programme at a glance

	<p><b>Learning outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn about the support available to RCN members who are compelled to retire due to ill-health or disability</li><li>• Learn about the power of collective action through the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) campaign</li><li>• Understand how nursing heritage is being preserved and shared.</li><li>• Understand the role of the new RCN Activism Academy and the inclusion of active retired members</li><li>• Learn about the RCN's affiliation to the National Pensioners Convention (NPC) and the benefits of joining the RCN NPC network</li></ul>
10.50	<p><b>Arrival time</b></p> <p>Time to join and introduce yourself in the chat</p>
11.00	<p><b>Chair's opening remarks</b></p> <p>Helen Whyley, Director of RCN Wales</p>
11.10	<p><b>Supporting members who retire due to ill-health or disability</b></p> <p>Chris Musgrave, RCN National Officer, Employment Relations Department Holly Chadd, Disability Officer and Operational Lead, RCN Member Support Services</p> <p>Chris and Holly will explore practical, emotional and social support to help members retiring due to ill-health or disability navigate their retirement with</p>

	dignity and fulfilment. You will also hear a member's experience of acceptance and finding a new purpose following ill-health retirement.
	<b>Women Against State Pension Inequality</b>
11.50	Hear from the WASPI campaign, which seeks compensation for women born in the 1950s who are affected by state pension changes. A speaker from the campaign will be talking about their story, and what can be achieved through collective activism.
12.20	<b>Break</b>
	<b>RCN History of Nursing Forum</b> Dianne Yarwood, Chair of the History of Nursing Forum
12.40	Find out more about the RCN History of Nursing Forum, its work to protect and preserve nursing heritage, and how you can get involved.
	<b>RCN Activism: The Future for Retired Members</b> Harry Eccles, Head of Activist Engagement, RCN Activism Academy Becki Winson, Lead for Activist Communities, RCN Activism Academy
13.10	This will be an interactive session where we want to hear from you. Learn about the existing work of the Activism Academy, and shape how retired members can get involved in the academy's work in the future.
	<b>Chair's closing remarks</b> Helen Whyley, Director of RCN Wales
13.55	
14.00	<b>Conference close</b>