

Nursing Support Workers' Conference 2025: 'Our story our legacy'

Venue: RCN HQ, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN

Date: Saturday 22 November 2025

Please note that session timings are subject to change.
A final programme will be available on the day for attendees.

Purpose:

To raise awareness of the diversity of roles and settings the nursing support workforce work in and the valuable work they do every day to care for patients.

Intended outcomes:

The event will:

1. Showcase the diverse mix of skills delivered by the nursing support workforce and share their stories about the positive impact they make
2. Raise the profile of the RCN Nursing Support Workers' Committee and their work
3. Demonstrate that the RCN is the voice of the entire nursing profession by championing our NSW members and making them see the RCN has an engaged, diverse and thriving membership
4. Demonstrate that the RCN is the voice of nursing and union of choice for nursing staff

Programme at a glance

10.00	Registration, networking and refreshments
Conference Facilitator: Bruno Daniel – <i>RCN Inclusion Programme Lead</i>	
10.30	Welcome and introduction Sharon Mitchel – <i>Chair, Nursing Support Workers Committee</i> Ofrah Muflahi – <i>RCN UK Professional Lead – Nursing Support Workers</i>
10.45	Keynote speech Nicola Ranger – <i>RCN General Secretary and Chief Executive</i>
11.15	Bejoy Sebastian – <i>RCN President</i>
11.20	Lynn Woolsey – <i>RCN Chief Nursing Officer</i>

11.25	TBC
11.45	Refreshment break
12.05	Speaker: Sandra-Jane Stock – <i>RCN Nursing Support Worker Committee Member for Eastern Region</i>
12:25	Speaker: Dr Terri Porrett – <i>Strategic Project Manager, Nurse Consultant</i>
12.55	Facilitator close for lunch and networking Bruno Daniel - <i>RCN Inclusion Programme Lead</i>
13.05	Lunch and networking
14.05	Speaker: Ilva Jones – <i>RCN Nursing Support Worker Committee Member for West Midlands</i>
14.30	Panel Discussion: Leading with Integrity (Previous and Current Nursing Support Worker Committee Chairs and UK Nursing Support Worker Professional Leads) Bruno Daniel – <i>RCN Inclusion Programme Lead, Facilitating Conversation with:</i> Ofrah Muflahi – <i>RCN UK Professional Lead – Nursing Support Workers</i> Sharon Mitchel- <i>Chair, Nursing Support Workers Committee</i> Kevin Morley – <i>Previous Nursing Support Worker member of RCN Council and Ex-Officio Chair of the Nursing Support Workers Committee</i> Paul Vaughan – <i>Previous UK Nursing Support Worker Professional Lead</i>
15.20	Refreshment break
15.35	Speaker: Sharon Mitchel- <i>Chair, Nursing Support Workers Committee</i>
15.45	Speaker: Carmel O’Boyle – <i>Chair of RCN Council</i> Mark Jarnell – <i>Nursing Support Worker member of RCN Council</i>
15.50	Summary and closing remarks Wendy Irwin – <i>Head of Equity and Inclusion</i>

Sharon Mitchel - *Chair, Nursing Support Workers Committee*

16.00	Conference close
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