

# RCN Advanced Nurse Practitioner Conference



## The Power of Advanced Nursing Practice

Venue: RCN HQ, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN or Online (Zoom Events)

Date: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026

Please note these programme details and timings are subject to change. A final programme will be in your delegate pack at the event.

## Online Programme at a glance

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| 09.00 | <b>Join and browse the platform</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 09.45 | <b>Chair's Opening Remarks</b><br>Sharlene Hogan,<br><i>Chair, RCN Advanced Nurse Practitioner Forum</i>                                                                                                                      |
| 10.00 | <b>Defining the True Value of Advanced Practice in Modern Healthcare</b><br>Professor Alison Leary MBE FRCN,<br><i>RCN Deputy President</i>                                                                                   |
| 10.30 | <b>Update on the Review of Advanced Practice – Development of Additional Regulation for Advanced Level Nurses</b><br>Paula McLaren,<br><i>Senior Nursing Adviser for Advanced Practice, The Nursing and Midwifery Council</i> |
| 11.00 | <b>Comfort break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11.30 | <b>Strong Basics. Better Outcomes.</b><br>Dr Kate Allatt,<br><i>Author, Health Speaker, Consultant, Kate Allatt Ltd</i>                                                                                                       |
| 12.00 | <b>Finding the Confidence to Deliver Autonomous Practice in the Community</b><br>Maria Betts,<br><i>Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Northern Health and Social Care Trust, Northern Ireland and RCN ANP Forum Member</i>         |
| 12.30 | <b>The Role of Research within Advanced Nursing Practice - Factors Affecting Engagement</b><br>Caitriona McGarrell,                                                                                                           |

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|       | <i>Emergency Injuries Advanced Nurse Practitioner. Registered Nurse Prescriber.<br/>Emergency Department St James Hospital, Dublin</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 13.00 | <b>Lunch break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 14.00 | <b>Teaching for Impact: Shaping Practice Through Learning</b><br>Professor Aisha Holloway,<br><i>Chief Nursing Officer for Scotland, and Chair of Nursing Studies, University of Edinburgh</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 14.30 | <b>Adaptive Leadership in Advanced Practice: Thriving Amidst Uncertainty and Change</b><br>Dame Sue Tranka DBE,<br><i>Chief Nursing Officer and Nurse Director NHS Wales</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 15.00 | <b>Comfort break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 15.25 | <b>My Advanced Clinical Practitioner Journey</b><br>Carolyn Campbell-Cole,<br><i>Consultant Arrhythmia Nurse, St George's NHS Foundation Trust</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15.55 | <b>Panel Discussion – Advanced Nursing Practice under Scrutiny: A Conversation on Policy, Regulation and Workforce</b><br><br><b><u>Chair:</u></b> Sharlene Hogan, <i>Chair, RCN Advanced Nurse Practitioner Forum</i><br><br><b><u>Panellists:</u></b><br><b>Professor Lynn Woolsey</b> , <i>RCN UK Chief Nursing Officer</i><br><b>Professor Aisha Holloway</b> , <i>Chief Nursing Officer for Scotland, and Chair of Nursing Studies, University of Edinburgh</i><br><b>Dame Sue Tranka DBE</b> , <i>Chief Nursing Officer and Nurse Director NHS Wales</i><br><b>Paula McLaren</b> , <i>Senior Nursing Adviser for Advanced Practice, The Nursing and Midwifery Council</i> |
| 16.25 | <b>Closing Remarks</b><br>Adele Parsons,<br><i>Vice Chair, RCN Advanced Nurse Practitioner Forum and Senior Lecturer at University of Lincoln</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 16.30 | <b>Conference close</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |