

# RCN Acute Care Symposium 2026

## From recognition to response: Managing the deteriorating patient

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Wednesday 8 July 2026 Hybrid (In-person and online)

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

### Online programme at a glance

9.30	<b>Join and browse the platform</b>		
10.00	<b>Chair's opening remarks</b> Rachel Bird, Nurse Director for Surgical Services, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust		
10.15	<b>Keynote: Managing the deteriorating patient: Past, present and future</b> John Welch, MBE, Consultant Nurse, Critical Care & Critical Care Outreach, University College London Hospitals, Honorary Clinical Lecturer, University College London; National Clinical Advisor, Acute Deterioration, NHS England		
10.45	<b>Topic: Resuscitation Guidelines 2025 and emergency care planning</b> Tom Wood, Clinical Lead, Resuscitation Council UK		
11.15	<b>Refreshment break</b>		
11.45	<b>Plenary: The Patient Voice: Lived experience of Emergency Care</b> Jackie Bullock is a prominent Patient Representative for the Association of British Surgeons, Chair of the European Hernia Society and a Patient Representative for the British Hernia Society.		
12.15	<b>Transition time</b>		
12.20	<b>Concurrent sessions</b>		
Room	<b>Cowdray Hall</b>	<b>101/102</b>	<b>307</b>
	<b>Stream 1 - Emergency care</b>	<b>Stream 2 - Peri-operative care</b>	<b>Stream 3 - Critical care</b>
	<b>1.1 Ultrasound guided cannulation</b> Simon Tippler, ED Advanced Clinical Practitioner	<b>2.1 : Point-of-care ultrasound in acute care</b> Shailen Soobhug, Perioperative Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Nurse), University Hospitals Sussex	<b>3.1 Assessing the deteriorating patient</b> Sarah Mitchell, Lead Nurse. Critical Care Outreach & Deteriorating Patients. Harefield Hospital, part of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

12.50	<b>Lunch break</b>		
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	<b>1.2 Acute Trauma</b> Stuart Wildman, Trauma Nurse Consultant, Salford Royal Hospital	<b>2.2 Emergency laparotomy case study - Sip to Send</b> Hannah Watson, Emergency Laparotomy Nurse at NHS Tayside	<b>3.2 Recognition and management of shock in deteriorating patients</b> Ciara Collins, Chair, RCN Critical Care and Flight Nursing Forum
14.20	<b>Transition time</b>		
14.25	<b>Panel discussion: Moral Injury, managing deteriorating patients in current circumstances.</b> <b>Chair: Kendal Andreason</b> , Professional Lead for Acute and Emergency Care and Defence Nursing. <b>Panel members:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Suman Shrestha</b>, RCN Professional Lead for Critical Care; Consultant Nurse in Critical Care, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust;</li> <li>• <b>Rachel Bird</b>, Nurse Director, Surgical Services Care Group, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, RCN Urgent and Emergency Care Forum;</li> <li>• <b>Angeline Price</b>, Chair RCN Perioperative Forum, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust;</li> <li>• <b>Rebecca Crisp</b>, RCN Defence Nursing Forum Vice Chair</li> </ul>		
15.05	<b>Refreshment break</b>		
15.30	<b>Motivational session</b> Deborah Swann, Royal College of Emergency Medicine Advanced Clinical Practitioner In ED (Further details to be confirmed.)		
16.00	<b>Chair's closing remarks</b> Rachel Bird, Nurse Director for Surgical Services, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust		
16.10	<b>Conference close</b>		