

RCN Fertility Nursing Conference 2026



Every step matters: accessible, equitable and compassionate care

RCN HQ, London, W1G 0RN
Thursday 15 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.

Programme at a glance

9.00	Registration, exhibition, networking and refreshments
9.45	Chair's opening remarks Anne Howard, Chair, RCN Fertility Nursing Forum
9.50	The Preconception Pathway: Advice, NICE Guidance and Equitable Routes to Secondary and Tertiary Care Francesca Steyn, Head of Clinical Services, Quality and Compliance, Malebox Health Ltd
10.20	Beyond fertility: understanding the whole-body impact of PMOS and endometriosis Caroline Andrews, Volunteer Trustee and Patient Advocate, Verity Joanne Hanley, Specialist Advisor Endometriosis UK Advanced Clinical Practitioner
10.50	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
11.20	Sponsored session hosted by IBSA UK The BMI - Fertility Link: Why weight loss matters and how we can support it. Katie Best, Fertility Nurse Specialist Liaison, IBSA UK
11.45	Trauma-Informed Fertility Care: Practical approaches to reducing distress and preventing re-traumatisation in fertility settings Grace Addyman, Trainee Clinical Psychologist, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
12.15	Building Empathy, Communication and Understanding in Fertility Care: British Infertility Counselling Association (BICA) guidance. Deborah Petrou, Accredited member of BICA Psychodynamic Psychotherapist at Queen Anne Street Practice
12.45	Lunch and exhibition viewing

13.45	Additional routes to parenthood Sara Venditozzi, Senior Clinical Nurse Specialist for Fertility Preservation and Donor Co-ordinator, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee Danielle Ellis, Head of Clinical Operations, Ethica
14.15	Transition from fertility to maternity services – building a good pathway Jenny Wylam, Clinical Teaching Fellow, Midwifery Department, King's College London Maria Symeonaki, Professional Lead Midwifery and Women's Health, RCN
14.45	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
15.15	Panel discussion: Access to treatment • Soriah Jones, Nurse Manager, Herts & Essex Fertility Centre (England) • Lee Noquet, Gamete Donor Co-Ordinator, Edinburgh Fertility, Reproductive & Endocrine Centre Deputy Charge Nurse, Simpson Centre for Reproductive Health (Scotland) • Natasha Witchell, Nurse Manager, The Fertility Home (Wales) • Melissa Mark, Head of Nursing, Thérapie Fertility (N. Ireland) • Katie Rollings, CEO and Founder, Fertility Action Chair: Stephanie Pryor, Quality Assurance Manager, Wellbeck
16.00	Chair's closing remarks Anne Howard, Chair, RCN Fertility Nursing Forum
16.15pm	Conference close

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