

# 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 v5

9.00	<b>Registration, exhibition, networking and refreshments</b>
9.50	Chair's opening remarks Anne Howard, Chair, RCN Fertility Nursing Forum
9.55	Starting the fertility journey: preconception care and early assessment Francesca Steyn, Clinical Director, IVFN   Head of Clinical Services, Quality and Compliance, Malebox Health Ltd
10.25	Beyond fertility: understanding the whole-body impact of PMOS and endometriosis Speaker name tbc - Verity Speaker name tbc - Endometriosis UK
10.55	<b>Refreshments and exhibition viewing</b>
11.25	Sponsored session - tbc Speaker tbc
11.45	Trauma Informed Care - Practical, nurse led approaches that support patients and prevent re-traumatisation Grace Addyman, Trainee Clinical Psychologist, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
12.15	British Infertility Counselling Association (BICA) guidance Deborah Petrou, Accredited member of BICA   Psychodynamic Psychotherapist Queen Anne Street Practice
12.45	<b>Lunch and exhibition viewing</b>
13.45	Additional routes to parenthood Sara Venditozzi, Senior Clinical Nurse Specialist for Fertility Preservation and Donor Co-ordinator, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee Danielle Ellis,

14.15	Transition from fertility to maternity services – building a good pathway Speaker tbc
14.45	<b>Refreshments and exhibition viewing</b>
15.15	<p><b>Panel discussion: Access to treatment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simone Wernbacher, Senior Fertility Nurse, Agora Clinic (England)</li> <li>• Lee Noquet, Gamete Donor Co-Ordinator, Edinburgh Fertility, Reproductive &amp; Endocrine Centre   Deputy Charge Nurse, Simpson Centre for Reproductive Health (Scotland)</li> <li>• Natasha Witchell, Nurse Manager, The Fertility Home (Wales)</li> <li>• tbc (N. Ireland)</li> <li>• Katie Rollings – Fertility Action</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Stephanie Pryor, Quality Assurance Manager, Wellbeck</p>
16.00	Chair's closing remarks Anne Howard, Chair, RCN Fertility Nursing Forum
4.15pm	<b>Conference close</b>