

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 v8

9.00	Registration, exhibition, networking and refreshments
9.45	Chair's opening remarks Anne Howard, Chair, RCN Fertility Nursing Forum
9.50	Starting the fertility journey: preconception care and early assessment Francesca Steyn, Clinical Director, IVFN Head of Clinical Services, Quality and Compliance, Malebox Health Ltd
10.20	Beyond fertility: understanding the whole-body impact of PMOS and endometriosis Speaker name tbc - Verity Joanne Hanley - Endometriosis UK
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 Liasion
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	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,
14.15	Transition from fertility to maternity services – building a good pathway Jenny Wylam, Clinical Teaching Fellow, Midwifery Department, King's College London
14.45	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
15.15	Panel discussion: Access to treatment • Simone Wernbacher, Senior Fertility Nurse, Agora Clinic (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 – Fertility Action Chair: Stephanie Pryor, Quality Assurance Manager, Wellbeck
16.00	Chair's closing remarks Anne Howard, Chair, RCN Fertility Nursing Forum
4.15pm	Conference close