

RCN Management & Leadership Conference

Leading with scrutiny

RCN HQ, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN
29 April 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, networking and refreshments
10.00	Chair's opening remarks Philip Winterbottom, RCN Management and Leadership Forum Chair
Learning from public inquiries in the health and care sector	
10.15	Historical context: Examining patterns across multiple public inquiries to identify common themes and failures Dr Denise Chaffer CBE, Former Director of Safety and Learning
11.00	Systemic obstacles: Exploring the organisational, cultural, and structural barriers that prevent meaningful learning from past mistakes Professor Claire Pryork, RCN Foundation Chair in Adult Social Care Nursing, University of Salford
11.45	Refreshments and networking
12.15	Psychological factors: Discussing how defensive reactions, blame culture, and other psychological mechanisms can inhibit learning Rabina Tindale, Chair, RCN Nurses in Management and Leadership Forum and Director of Nursing, Patient Safety – North East and North Cumbria ICB
12.45	Lunch and networking
Understanding the new landscape of leadership visibility	
13.45	Why visibility matters more than ever in today's environment Birte Harlev-Lam OBE, Former Executive Midwife

14.25	<p>Navigating visibility and scrutiny in today's world: Creating your leadership visibility strategy Steve Forsyth, Chief Nurse, Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust</p>
15.05	<p>Refreshments and networking</p>
15.25	<p>Audience reflections and panel discussion - Where do we go from here? Chair: Philip Winterbottom, RCN Management and Leadership Forum Chair Panellists Dr Denise Chaffer. Former Director of Safety and Learning Birte Harlev-Lam OBE, Former Executive Midwife Steve Fortyth, Chief Nurse, Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust Professor Claire Pryork, RCN Foundation Chair in Adult Social Care Nursing, University of Salford Rabina Tindale, Chair, RCN Nurses in Management and Leadership Forum and Director of Nursing, Patient Safety – North East and North Cumbria ICB</p>
4.10pm	<p>Chairs closing remarks Philip Winterbottom, RCN Management and Leadership Forum Chair</p>
4.15pm	<p>Conference close</p>