

RCN Nurse-Led Innovations and Quality Improvement Conference 2026: From ideas to impact nurse led QI

Turning YOUR ideas to improve care into reality

Venue: RCN HQ, London

Date: Tuesday 17 November 2026

Please note these programme details and timings are subject to change.

A final programme will be available at the event.

Programme at a glance

9.00	Registration, networking and refreshments		
9.30	Chair's opening remarks Professor Steve Hams MBE, MStJ, Chief Nursing and Improvement Officer Bristol NHS Foundation Trust		
9.40	The importance and value of YOUR nursing voice within quality improvement and care delivery Dr Terri Porrett PhD, MSc, RN, Co-founder of The Academy of Fab Stuff		
10.00	Breaking boundaries in nursing care/A nursing pioneer's perspective Professor Dame Elizabeth Nneka Anionwu OM DBE FRCN FQICN, Vice President and Fellow, Queens Nursing Institute		
10.30	Refreshments and networking		
11.00	Making it happen: Practical insights from quality improvement leaders (case study panel) Chair: Dr Terri Porrett PhD, MSc, RN, Co-founder of The Academy of Fab Stuff Panel: Donna Phillips, Senior Ward Manager (Rehabilitation) East Kent Community Trust Project		
11.45	Concurrent workshops		
	5 minute transition for concurrent workshop		
Room	Cowdray Hall	Room 101/102	Room 307
11.50 – 12.35	Workshop 1 Making YOUR ideas a reality Kickstart your project: Tools and strategies for starting QI projects Professor Steve Hams MBE, MStJ will be joined by Fab QI nurse(s) to deliver this workshop	Workshop 2 From Data to Difference: Harnessing AI to Drive Quality and Innovation in Nursing Michelle Vizard RN, SCPHN, V100, BSc, MSc, MBA, Clinical Transformation Lead / CNIO, Accenture UK & Ireland	Workshop 3 Change that Sticks: Navigating Resistance and Building Buy-in Dan Lagadu, Improvement Programme Lead and Rowan Finch, Improvement Coach, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
12.35	Lunch and networking		

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13.35 – 14.20	Workshop 1 Making YOUR ideas a reality Kickstart your project: Tools and strategies for starting QI projects Professor Steve Hams MBE, MStJ will be joined by Fab QI nurse(s) to deliver this workshop	Workshop 2 From Data to Difference: Harnessing AI to Drive Quality and Innovation in Nursing Michelle Vizard RN, SCPHN, V100, BSc, MSc, MBA, Clinical Transformation Lead / CNIO, Accenture UK & Ireland	Workshop 3 Change that Sticks: Navigating Resistance and Building Buy-in Dan Lagadu, Improvement Programme Lead and Rowan Finch, Improvement Coach, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
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14.25 – 15.10	Workshop 1 Making YOUR ideas a reality Kickstart your project: Tools and strategies for starting QI projects Professor Steve Hams MBE, MStJ will be joined by Fab QI nurse(s) to deliver this workshop	Workshop 2 From Data to Difference: Harnessing AI to Drive Quality and Innovation in Nursing Michelle Vizard RN, SCPHN, V100, BSc, MSc, MBA, Clinical Transformation Lead / CNIO, Accenture UK & Ireland	Workshop 3 Change that Sticks: Navigating Resistance and Building Buy-in Dan Lagadu, Improvement Programme Lead and Rowan Finch, Improvement Coach, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
15.10	Refreshments and networking		
15:40	From idea to investment: how to secure funding for your project Professor Alison Leary MBE FRCN, RCN Deputy President		
16:10	Chair's closing remarks Professor Steve Hams MBE, MStJ, Chief Nursing and Improvement Officer Bristol NHS Foundation Trust		
16:15	Conference close		