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, poster viewing and networking
11.00	**The Power of Nursing to Drive Change (panel discussion)** Chair: Dr Terri Porrett PhD, MSc, RN, Co-founder of The Academy of Fab Stuff Panel: • Dan Lagadu, Improvement Programme Lead, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust • Michelle Vizard RN, SCPHN, V100, BSc, MSc, MBA, Clinical Transformation Lead / CNIO, Accenture UK & Ireland • Sharlene Hogan, Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Medpace; Chair of RCN Advanced Nurse Practitioner Forum • Dr Sarah McGloin, Head of Grants, RCN Foundation

11.45	**Making YOUR ideas a reality** **Kickstart your project: Tools and strategies for starting QI projects** Professor Steve Hams MBE, MStJ, Chief Nursing and Improvement Officer, Bristol NHS Foundation Trust Melanie Jeffries, Associate Director of Improvement, Bristol NHS Foundation Trust Fern Jameson, Director of Nursing, Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
12.30	**Lunch, poster viewing and networking**
13.30	**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
14.15	**Change that Sticks: Navigating Resistance and Building Buy-in** Dan Lagadu, Improvement Programme Lead, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Rowan Finch, Improvement Coach, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
15.00	**Refreshments, poster viewing and networking**
15:30	**From idea to investment: how to secure funding for your project** Professor Alison Leary MBE FRCN, RCN Deputy President
16:00	**Chair's closing remarks** Professor Steve Hams MBE, MStJ, Chief Nursing and Improvement Officer, Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
16:15	**Conference close**