

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, exhibition, networking and refreshments		
9.30	Chair opening remarks Professor Steve Hams MBE, MStJ, Group Chief Nursing and Improvement Officer, North Bristol NHS Trust		
9.40	The importance and value of YOUR nursing voice within quality improvement and care delivery Terri Porrett, Co-founder of The Academy of Fab Stuff		
10.00	Breaking boundaries in nursing care/A nursing pioneer's perspective Dame Elizabeth Nneka Anionwu, Vice President and Fellow, Queens Nursing Institute		
10.30	Refreshments and exhibition viewing		
11.00	Case study panel: Making it happen: Practical insights from quality improvement leaders Panel Chair: Terri Porrett, Co-founder of The Academy of Fab Stuff 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 Steve Hams will be joined by Fab QI nurse(s) to deliver this workshop	Workshop 2 Harnessing AI to Advance quality and innovation in Healthcare Michelle Visard, Accenture UK & Ireland	Workshop 3 Breaking barriers: Overcoming challenges and human factors in QI and Innovation Speaker tba
12.35	Lunch, exhibition 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 Steve Hams will be joined by Fab QI nurse(s) to deliver this workshop	Workshop 2 Harnessing AI to Advance quality and innovation in Healthcare Michelle Visard, Accenture UK & Ireland	Workshop 3 Breaking barriers: Overcoming challenges and human factors in QI and Innovation Speaker tba
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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 Steve Hams will be joined by Fab QI nurse(s) to deliver this workshop	Workshop 2 Harnessing AI to Advance quality and innovation in Healthcare Michelle Visard, Accenture UK & Ireland	Workshop 3 Breaking barriers: Overcoming challenges and human factors in QI and Innovation Speaker tba
15.10	Refreshments and exhibition viewing		
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, Group Chief Nursing and Improvement Officer, North Bristol NHS Trust		
16:15	Conference close		