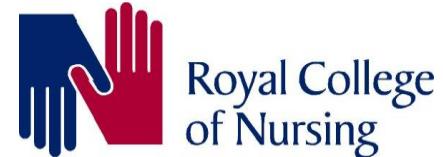


# RCN Neuroscience Forum Conference 2026



## Beyond Diagnosis: Neuroscience Nursing Across Complex and Long-term Conditions

Wednesday 24 June 2026

RCN HQ, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN

Please note these programme details and timings are subject to change. A final programme will be circulated prior to the event.

### Programme at a glance

9.00	Registration, exhibition, networking and refreshments
9.50	<b>Chair's opening remarks</b> Siobhan Jones, Headache Nurse Consultant, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Chair, RCN Neuroscience Forum
10.00	<b>Delivering a clinical neuroscience workforce fit for the future</b> Sue Thomas, Healthcare Consultant, Kings College London
10.30	<b>Listening to lived experience – what we would like nurses to know</b> Aaron Hume, Disability Rights Campaigner, Researcher and Educator <i>Other panel members confirmed soon</i> Chair: Jonathan Beebee, Professional Lead Neuroscience Nursing, RCN
11.00	<b>Refreshments and exhibition viewing</b>
11.30	<b>Living Well with Neurological Conditions: Partnership, Policy and Patient Voice</b> Georgina Carr, Chief Executive, The Neurological Alliance Kripen Dhrona, Chief Executive, British Polio Fellowship
12.00	<b>Supporting transition into adult services for young people with Cerebral Palsy and complex health needs</b> Melissa Clarke, Neurodisability Clinical Nurse Specialist, Tulip - Paediatric Neurodisability Nursing Team, Croydon Health Services
12.30	<b>Lunch and exhibition viewing</b>
13.30	<b>Introducing the RCN Headache Nursing Competencies</b> Christine Callender, Head of Nursing Practice, RCN Siobhan Jones, Headache Nurse Consultant, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust, Chair, RCN Neuroscience Forum
14.00	<b>The work of the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability: describing neuro-disability nursing practice and the academic nursing work on post qualification training</b>

	Sandy Gill, Lead Nurse for the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability (RHN) Academy
14.30	<b>Refreshments and exhibition viewing</b>
15.00	<b>Multiple Sclerosis</b> Ruth Stross, Director of Services, MS Trust
15.30	<b>The development of an MND care centre</b> Rachael Marsden, Consultant Nurse MND, Oxford MND Care Centre
16.00	<b>Chair's closing remarks</b> Siobhan Jones, Headache Nurse Consultant, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Chair, RCN Neuroscience Forum
16.15	<b>Conference close</b>