

RCN Neuroscience Forum Conference 2026



Royal College
of Nursing

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	Chair's opening remarks Siobhan Jones, Headache Nurse Consultant, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Chair, RCN Neuroscience Forum
10.00	Delivering a clinical neuroscience workforce fit for the future Sue Thomas, Healthcare Consultant, Kings College London
10.30	Listening to lived experience – what we would like nurses to know Aaron Hume, Disability Rights Campaigner, Researcher and Educator Frances Quinn, British Polio Fellowship Trustee and polio survivor Chair: Jonathan Beebe, Professional Lead Neuroscience Nursing, RCN
11.00	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
11.30	Living well with neurological conditions: partnership, policy and patient voice Georgina Carr, Chief Executive, The Neurological Alliance Kripen Dhrona, Chief Executive, British Polio Fellowship
12.00	Supporting transition into adult services for young people with Cerebral Palsy and complex health needs Melissa Clarke, Neurodisability Clinical Nurse Specialist, Tulip - Paediatric Neurodisability Nursing Team, Croydon Health Services
12.30	Lunch and exhibition viewing
13.30	Introducing the RCN Headache Nursing Competencies Christine Callender, Head of Nursing Practice, RCN Siobhan Jones, Headache Nurse Consultant, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust, Chair, RCN Neuroscience Forum Susie Lagrata, Advanced Headache Nurse Practitioner and Lead Nurse in Headache & Neuromodulation, The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, UCLH NHS Foundation Trust

14.00	The work of the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability: describing neuro-disability nursing practice and the academic nursing work on post qualification training Sandy Gill, Lead Nurse for the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability (RHN) Academy
14.30	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
14.55	Parkinson's - celebrating 36 years of the Parkinson's nurse role Emma Edwards, Parkinson's Specialist Nurse, Livewell Southwest
15.20	Multiple Sclerosis Ruth Stross, Director of Services, MS Trust
15.45	The development of an MND care centre Rachael Marsden, Consultant Nurse MND, Oxford MND Care Centre
16.10	Chair's closing remarks Siobhan Jones, Headache Nurse Consultant, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Chair, RCN Neuroscience Forum
16.20	Conference close