

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

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| 9.00 | Registration, 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 Via MS Teams Frances Quinn, British Polio Fellowship Trustee and polio survivor Will Howell, MS Warrior and Passionate Believer that Life is for Living Aaron Hume, Disability Rights Campaigner, Researcher and Educator Chair: Siobhan Jones and Emma Edwards, RCN Neuroscience Forum |
| 11.00 | Refreshments and networking |
| 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 networking |
| 13.30 | Introducing the Nursing Competency and Education Framework for the Management of Headache Disorders Christine Callender, Head of Nursing Practice, RCN Siobhan Jones, Headache Nurse Consultant, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust, Chair, RCN Neuroscience Forum |

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| | Susie Lagrata, Advanced Headache Nurse Practitioner and Lead Nurse in Headache & Neuromodulation, The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, UCLH NHS Foundation Trust and Secretary to the British Association for the Study of Headache |
| 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, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability (RHN) Academy |
| 14.30 | Refreshments and networking |
| 14.50 | The Hidden MDT in Parkinson's Care Emma Edwards, Parkinson's Specialist Nurse, Livewell Southwest |
| 15.15 | Multiple Sclerosis: a changing story of care, treatment and opportunity Ruth Stross, Director of Services, MS Trust |
| 15.40 | The development of an MND care centre Rachael Marsden, Consultant Nurse MND, Oxford MND Care Centre |
| 16.05 | Chair's closing remarks Siobhan Jones, Headache Nurse Consultant, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Chair, RCN Neuroscience Forum |
| 16.15 | Conference close |