RCN and SOM Occupational Health Nursing Conference 2026

Advancing Occupational Health Practice

Friday 27 November 2026
Hybrid: 20 Cavendish Square, London / Zoom Events

Please note these programme details and timings are subject to change. A final programme will be in your delegate pack at the event.

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9.00	**Registration, exhibition, networking and refreshments**
	Morning Chair – Jessica Turner, RCN UK Professional Lead for Public Health
10.00	**Chair's opening remarks**
10.10	**RCN welcome address** Lynsey Ure, UK Deputy Chief Nursing Officer, RCN
10.15	**Neurodiversity at work: Repairing trust and handling rejection sensitivity** Prof. Nancy Doyle, Founder and Chief Science Officer, Genius Within
10.45	**Reasonable adjustments** Christine Poulter, SOM Hon Clinical Strategic Advisor
11.15	**Refreshments exhibition and networking**
11.45	**Medicinal cannabis in the workplace** Helen Vangikar, Toxicology Consultant | Technical Assessor | Trainer
12.15	**Social prescribing** Yvonne Clarke MBE, Founder and Managing Director of Pathways Community Interest Company
12.45	**Lunch, exhibtion and networking**
	Afternoon Chair – Amanda Hinkley, FOHN Chair
13.45	**Improving men's health at work – What works?** Alex Rhind, RMN & SCPHN | Clinical Mental Health Manager, Global OHS Team
14.15	**AI and the future of occupational health nursing** Dr. Cameron Black, NHS Clinical Entrepreneur | MSK Specialist Physiotherapist - Occupational Health, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

14.45	**Refreshments, exhibition and networking**
15.15	**Panel discussion: SOM Safeguarding Special Interest Group** Panelists: • Janet O'Neill, Head of PAM Academy and Deputy Head of the National School of Occupational Health • Amanda Hinkley, Head of Occupational Health, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and FOHN Chair • Michele Lawrence, Head of Safeguarding, Public Health England • Chair: Christine Poulter, Community Safeguarding Officer and Trainer for several charities | SOM Hon Clinical Strategic Advisor The SOM Safeguarding Special Interest Group is bringing together health professionals to strengthen safeguarding practice across the Occupational Health specialty. The group is developing practical guidance to support OH practitioners in recognising, assessing and escalating safeguarding concerns, with a particular focus on clarifying roles and responsibilities, information sharing and consent, referral pathways, and appropriate training and competency requirements. This Safeguarding panel includes OH Nurses whose role includes safeguarding responsibilities and a DHSC Safeguarding subject matter expert, At the start of the session, attendees will be asked through slido about their safeguarding training and there will be an introduction to the SOM Safeguarding special interest group . The session will include examples of anonymous case studies and provide opportunity for questions from attendees.
16.00	**Closing remarks** Amanda Hinkley, Head of Occupational Health, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and FOHN Chair
4.15pm	**Conference close**