# 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.

## Programme v11

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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**<br>Lynsey Ure, UK Deputy Chief Nursing Officer, RCN |
| 10.15 | **Neurodiversity at work: Repairing trust and handling rejection sensitivity**<br>Prof. Nancy Doyle, Founder and Chief Science Officer, Genius Within |
| 10.45 | **Reasonable adjustments**<br>Christine Poulter, Hon Strategic Clinical Advisor to the SOM & Clinical Director OHCP |
| 11.15 | **Refreshments exhibition and networking** |
| 11.45 | **Medicinal cannabis in the workplace**<br>Helen Vangikar, Toxicology Consultant \| Technical Assessor \| Trainer |
| 12.15 | **Social prescribing**<br>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?**<br>Alex Rhind, Clinical Director, The Occupational Mind |
| 14.15 | **AI and the future of occupational health nursing**<br>Dr. Cameron Black, MSK Specialist Physiotherapist - Occupational Health, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust |

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| 14.45 | **Refreshments, exhibition and networking** |
| 15.15 | **Panel discussion: SOM Safeguarding Special Interest Group**<br>Panelists:<br>• Michele Lawrence, Head of Safeguarding, Public Health England<br>• Amanda Hinkley, Head of Occupational Health, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and FOHN Chair<br>• Tracy Gallagher, Designated Safeguarding Lead Representative (DSL) for Commander DPHC - UK & Overseas, MOD<br>• Janet O'Neill, Head of PAM Academy and Deputy Head of the National School of Occupational Health<br>• Chair: Christine Poulter, Community Safeguarding Officer and Trainer for several charities \| SOM Hon Clinical Strategic Advisor<br><br>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.<br>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**<br>Amanda Hinkley, Head of Occupational Health, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and FOHN Chair |
| 4.15pm | **Conference close** |