

# RCN Ophthalmic Nursing Conference



**Shaping the future of ophthalmic nursing through the four pillars of practice**

RCN HQ, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN  
Saturday 14 March 2026

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

## Programme at a glance

9.00	<b>Registration, exhibition, networking and refreshments</b>
9.30	<b>Chair's opening remarks</b> Tendai Gwenhure, RCN Ophthalmic Nursing Forum Chair
9.45	<b>Advanced practice in ophthalmic nursing / NMC standards for advanced practice</b> Speaker TBC
10.15	<b>Nurse empowerment and influential leadership in the workplace</b> Rebecca Turner, Ophthalmology Consultant Nurse & Clinical Director (interim), Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
10.45	<b>Refreshments and exhibition viewing</b>
11.15	<b>Medico-legal issues / ethical considerations of practice</b> Alyson Hardie, Lead Clinical Governance and Risk Practitioner, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
11.45	<b>RNIB pathway and patient perspective</b> Jay Vasani and Bhavini Makwana
12.15	<b>Lunch and exhibition viewing</b>
13.15	<b>Welcome back</b> Catherine Garrott, Senior Nurse Medical Retina, Kings College Hospital

13.20	<p><b>Diverse roles in ophthalmic nursing followed by a panel Q&amp;A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Advancing Corneal Care</b>, Noel Binza, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Kings College Hospital</li> <li>• <b>Glaucoma Innovations in Nursing Practice</b>, Carolyn Ford</li> <li>• <b>Transforming Lives through Oculoplastics</b>, Nicola Dunlop</li> <li>• <b>Uveitis &amp; the Specialist Nurse's Role</b>, Juliet Lumanisakio, Paediatric Uveitis Specialist Nurse</li> <li>• <b>Evolving Vitreo-Retinal Services</b>, Yvonne Kana, Nurse Consultant, Moorfields Eye Hospital</li> <li>• <b>Enhancing Ophthalmic Care for Patients with Cognitive and Functional Diversity</b> – Ali Northover</li> </ul>
14.35	<b>Refreshments and exhibition viewing</b>
15.00	<p><b>Career pathway/progression in Ophthalmic Nursing – Enablers and challenges, post graduate opportunities and apprenticeship integration, education and training for junior colleagues</b></p> <p>Tendai Gwenhure, RCN Ophthalmic Nursing Forum Chair</p>
15.30	<p><b>Journey from internationally educated nurse to doctorate level studies</b></p> <p>Paulodominic Pengson</p>
16.00	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p>Tendai Gwenhure, RCN Ophthalmic Nursing Forum Chair</p>
4.05 pm	<b>Conference close</b>