

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	Registration, exhibition, networking and refreshments
9.30	Chair's opening remarks Tendai Gwenhure, RCN Ophthalmic Nursing Forum Chair
9.45	Advanced practice in ophthalmic nursing / NMC standards for advanced practice Paula McLaren RGN BSc MA(Ed) Senior Nursing Adviser for Advanced Practice, Nursing and Midwifery Council
10.15	Nurse empowerment and influential leadership in the workplace Rebecca Turner, Ophthalmology Consultant Nurse & Clinical Director (interim), Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
10.45	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
11.15	<i>Lead Clinical Governance and Risk Practitioner for the Neurosciences, Trauma and Orthopaedics, Specialist Surgery, Ophthalmology, Theatres, Children and Neonates Division at Oxford University Hospital.</i> Alyson Hardie, Lead Clinical Governance and Risk Practitioner, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
11.45	Collaborate for Good "The Eye Care Support Pathway" Jay Vasani and Bhavini Makwana
12.15	Lunch and exhibition viewing
13.15	Welcome back Catherine Garrott, Senior Nurse Medical Retina, Kings College Hospital

13.20	Diverse roles in ophthalmic nursing followed by a panel Q&A • Advancing Corneal Care, Noel Binza, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Kings College Hospital • Glaucoma Innovations in Nursing Practice, Carolyn Ford • Transforming Lives through Oculoplastics, Nicola Dunlop • Uveitis & the Specialist Nurse's Role, Juliet Lumanisakio, Paediatric Uveitis Specialist Nurse • Evolving Vitreo-Retinal Services, Yvonne Kana, Nurse Consultant, Moorfields Eye Hospital • Enhancing Ophthalmic Care for Patients with Cognitive and Functional Diversity – Ali Northover
14.35	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
15.00	Career pathway/progression in Ophthalmic Nursing – Enablers and challenges, post graduate opportunities and apprenticeship integration, education and training for junior colleagues Tendai Gwenhure, RCN Ophthalmic Nursing Forum Chair
15.30	Journey from internationally educated nurse to doctorate level studies Paulodominic Pengson
16.00	Closing remarks Tendai Gwenhure, RCN Ophthalmic Nursing Forum Chair
4.05 pm	Conference close