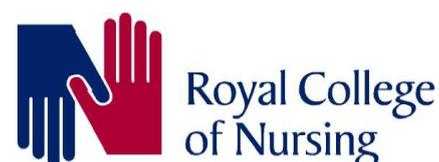


RCN Ophthalmic Nursing Conference



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	The NMC Review of Advanced Practice- what does additional regulation mean for Ophthalmic Nurses Paula McLaren, 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>Medical legal issues: ethical considerations of practice</i> Alyson Hardie, Clinical Governance and Risk Practitioner, Oxford University Foundation Trust
11.45	Collaborate for Good "The Eye Care Support Pathway" Jay Vasani, Partnerships and Development Manager, RNIB and Bhavini Makwana, Campaigns & Projects Manager, Thomas Pocklington Trust
12.15	Lunch and exhibition viewing

13.15	<p>Welcome back Catherine Garrott, Senior Nurse Medical Retina, Kings College Hospital</p>
13.20	<p>Diverse roles in ophthalmic nursing followed by a panel Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancing Corneal Care, Noel Binza, Senior Clinical Nurse Specialist, Kings College Hospital • Glaucoma Care at Scale: Why Nurse Specialists Matter, Carolyn Ford, Glaucoma Nurse Specialist, St Thomas' Hospital • Transforming Lives through Oculoplastics, Nicola Dunlop • Uveitis & the Specialist Nurse's Role, Teresa Julieta Lumanisakio, Paediatric, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Uveitis, Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Richard Desmond Children's eye Centre • Evolving Vitreo-Retinal Services, Yvonne Kana, Nurse Consultant, Moorfields Eye Hospital • Enhancing Ophthalmic Care for Patients with Cognitive and Functional Diversity – Ali Northover, Matron, Ophthalmology, Oxford Eye Hospital
14.35	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
15.00	<p>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</p>
15.30	<p>Journey from internationally educated nurse to doctorate level studies Paulo Pengson, Nurse, Moorfields Eye Hospital A&E</p>
16.00	<p>Closing remarks Tendai Gwenhure, RCN Ophthalmic Nursing Forum Chair</p>
16.05	Conference close