

RCN Forum Annual Report 2022

Forum Name:

Children and Young People acute care forum

Introduction:

This forum is passionate about improving the care and experiences of all children and young people within acute and critical care. We are led by a proactive committee of experts who have considerable experience nursing children and young people in the acute and critical care setting, providing education, developing guidelines and shaping health policy. We are committed to representing your priorities within the RCN and wider organisations.

We promote this work by:

- Creating a professional pathway for all members working with infants, children and young people.
- Establishing networks to advance and promote excellence.
- Engaging members through active recruitment and retention in the field.
- Providing support and advice to members working with infants, children and young people with acute care needs
- Raising the profile of members involved in this field.
- Advocating on behalf of members.
- Listening to the views of members as they help to shape developments.

ACF is linked to the following communities:

- Children's and Neonatal Intensive Care Nurses
- Children's orthopaedic and Trauma Nurses
- Children's Urgent and Unscheduled care.

Membership of the forum

Brief summary on the forum membership, to include:

- Total number - 7102 all and 5690 first choice, this is an increase in 230 first choice members.
- Committee membership – at the time the committee vacancies were advertised in the summer there was only one vacant position which has successfully being appointed to. Unfortunately, since this recruitment two steering committee members have stepped down meaning the committee ends the year with 4 members but will start 2023 with 5.
- We lack diverse representation: Wales 0, Scotland x 0, England x 5, Northern Ireland x 1. However, we are taking steps to see how this can be rectified and to also look at ways of including Nursing Support Workers and student nurses more in the work we undertake.

Reflections on 2022: (Outputs and outcomes)

Publications: The ACF has not had any finalised publications this year but have been working hard to review and update the monitoring vital signs document that will soon be completed ready for sign off. This piece of work was delayed to ensure it had further information included to help reduce health inequalities faced by those from non-white backgrounds and also to ensure other forums and stakeholders could contribute.

Education:

- Participated in Congress Fringe event: World Cafe
- The steering committee have met remotely 10 times in the last year

Collaboration:

- Collaboration with Mental health forum to discuss strategies and joint working, with a focus on CYP mental health.

RCN Representation

Demonstrate how the representation by forum members has been influential

Representation with:

- Children and Young People's Nurse Academics UK – Dave Clarke
- Royal College of Surgeons England – Katie Bagstaff
- RCPCH emergency committee – Dan Gooding will represent us following induction.
- Paediatric Critical Care Society – Carli Whittaker
- Neonatal Qualified in speciality higher education England – Beth Footitt
- RCPCH Medical management – Rachael Bolland
- NHSei CYP Mental health task and finish group
- Education work stream – Rachael Bolland and Neil Fletcher
- CYP stakeholder council NHS E – Rachael Bolland
- HEE Star workshop for workforce development

Contribution to Consultations/Policy development

- RCPCH SPOT/National PEWS – Rachael Bolland/ Dave Clarke
- NHSei CYP Mental health task and finish group – Neil Fletcher
- NCEPOD transition pathways - Neil Fletcher
- NCEPOD testicular torsion – Katie Bagstaff
- NHSEI CYP obesity strategic oversight group – Neil Fletcher

Plans for 2023:

- Joint CYP forums: Library events, CYP conference, “Podcasts”
- Joint Congress item on Transition
- Joint CYP conference

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