

## RCN Forum Annual Report (information guide) 2021

### Forum Name:

CYP Community and Continuing Care Forum

### Introduction:

The forum focuses specifically on Community Children's Nursing, including the arena of Children and Young People's Continuing Care and Children and Young People's Palliative Care.

We aim to shape and influence national and UK wide policy in relation to nursing in the community for CYP; we do this by responding to consultation and representing community children's nursing at congress and other strategic meetings.

The remit and work of the forum extends beyond the NHS and includes the private sector and special school nursing.

We seek to link with RCN members through social media platforms; furthermore previously have undertaken an RCN survey which we intend to repeat to determine if views of the membership have changed - the information obtained we would aim would directly feed into our work plan.

We aim to promote best practice and collaborate with our members to produce best practice guidance and advice

The forum is linked to the following communities

- Disabled Children and Young People
- Community Children's Nurses
- CYP Palliative Care

### Membership of the forum

Total number –

Committee membership – 6 Steering committee members plus the chair. – we have been running with a ‘vacancy’ for approx. 18 months 1 member had taken some time away from forum work summer 2020 and formally resigned summer 2021. In addition we have had a member on maternity leave since summer of 2021 and not position not covered.

Having interviewed in October 2021 we have recruited 2 exceptional candidates – We will however going forward not have any Welsh or Scottish representation (Welsh representative resigned Summer 2021 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Welsh member at end of term of office Dec 2021)

Representation will therefore be from Wales 0, Scotland x 0, England x 6, Northern Ireland x 1

Recent interviews will result in a change in representation, although increasing English members, we are aware we won’t have a Welsh or Scottish representative but when undertaking project work would seek input from the 4 countries as we are currently doing.

Reflections on 2021: (Outputs and outcomes) including impact of COVID-19

**CYP Continuing and Community Care Forum Strategy Action Plan 2021**

Objective	Actions
Engage with National PEWS project PEWS work	~ Await notification of 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase of National Project that includes Community Services
Congress	~ Ensure forum representation is planned
Development of and going live with the clinical page	~ Continue work to convert 'Meeting Health Care Needs' publication into clinical page ~ Consider opportunities for inclusion of recorded webinars/podcasts of exemplar case studies ~ Scope further possibilities for inclusion onto clinical page
Enhancing our social media presence	~ To remove RCN affiliation of the Special School Nursing and the Childrens Continuing Care facebook pages ~ To engage with forum members via the social media platforms about who we are, the work we are doing, what support forum members want from the Committee ~ To work with the digital team to schedule content for the next year
Steering group representative attendance at other meetings	To ensure the Forum and Committee is included in the appropriate meeting invitation circulations – PC to review current meeting list and highlight relevant meetings the forum should be participating in
Increasing the Palliative Care and Continuing Care areas in our agenda and workplan	~ To update workplan with any activities planned from the Palliative Care Network ~ To add Continuing Care as an standing agenda item
Recruiting to the Steering Group vacancies – ensuring representation where possible for Scotland and Wales	~ To promote vacancies and recruit ~ If 4 country representation within Committee not successful, ensure links are identified to assist with work and reviews being undertaken
Forum succession planning	~ Link others into the work we undertaken to increase awareness and interest of forum committee membership ~ Planning for change over of Chair

The ability to work with other CYP forums has been significantly challenged by COVID-19 and as such the joint strategy day for Feb 2021 was cancelled, we held a forum strategy day in June 21, this was limited in scope due to being a virtual event. All members have been severely impacted by the challenges and changing environment that COVID-19 has presented

us all with professionally. At times impacting on the ability to contribute as we would have hoped to forum project work.

Social media engagement has been challenged or the ability to explore areas challenged due to capacity of the steering group, in the roles we hold as 'voluntary' alongside our professional responsibilities.

The permanent professional lead retired in January '21, as such we have been without a permanent lead in that position, we did have valuable leadership support from a seconded representative however this ended at the end of July – This position is out to recruitment.

Describing areas of success this year is somewhat challenging, however I feel the mutual support and ability to continue to meet virtually at least monthly if not twice monthly has been of personal benefit to review how fellow steering group members have been managing through the pandemic – I have viewed this as a valuable network to maintain whilst acknowledging project work hasn't been achieved at the pace required.

### **Contribution to Consultations/Policy development**

We have been attempting to review a current publication 'Meeting healthneeds in educational and other community settings' – This review whilst initially felt to be a 'simple' update has proved much more challenging to progress and as such has required discussion with the RCN legal team for guidance; more recently we held a joint meeting with colleagues from NHSE/I and DfE, and now awaiting further contact from them regarding a proposal to work jointly on this review alongside wider NHSE agendas that are likely to be emerging. We are planning a task and finish group meeting for January 2022 to progress this work.

### **Plans for 2022:**

To be confirmed and discussed at the joint CYP strategy day planned / booked provisionally for February 10<sup>th</sup> 2022.

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