

RCN Forum Annual Report 2022

Forum Name: CYP Community and Continuing Care Forum

Introduction:

This forum works with and works for health care staffing working with children and young people with a health/nursing needs in the community setting. It encompasses community children's nursing, special school nursing, palliative care nursing, continuing care, and domiciliary nursing to name just a few.

The remit and work of the forum extends beyond the NHS and includes social care, the private sector and education.

The forum is linked to the following communities:

Children's Palliative Care Community

Membership of the forum

Our current membership total is 4575 with 3615 members naming our forum as their first choice.

Membership numbers have not been monitored over the course of the year by the steering committee. It is proposed that this is a standing agenda on our monthly meetings going into 2023.

This year, the forum has had a newly appointed chair. Unfortunately, early in year the committee reduced to 4 people due to changes in members' employment and capacity to commit and we also had a member on maternity leave.

As we look forward to a new year, we had 3 vacancies and a total of 3 applications. We are pleased to have recruited 2 new members to the committee and re-elected a current committee member. We will have a small window where we are not be at full establishment due to maternity leave but anticipate a return in April 2023.

Our committee has representation from various areas within England but unfortunately is not fully representative of the 4 countries. However, we have developed key contacts in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and do connect to these people as needed. We have clinicians, managers, staff working in the NHS, in hospices and within private sectors and in our recent recruitment we are pleased to once again have a lecturer joining our committee.

We are also fortunate to have an RCN learning rep in our committee.

We are fortunate to be joined at our monthly meetings by the chair of the RCN Children's Palliative Care Community.

Reflections on 2022: (Outputs and outcomes)

Following from our strategy day in February 2022, the following objectives were set

- To build our extended network
- To raise the profile of 'home-care'

- Continue to engage with the National PEWS (SPOT) project
- Launch and grow our clinical resources, building up a portfolio of case studies
- To plan for congress involvement, this year and next year

With such a small committee for most of the year, at times it has felt that very little has been achieved. However, the opportunity to reflect in writing our achievements over the last year has shown greatly what has been done.

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Update</u>
To build our extended network	The forum participated in the world café event held at Congress 2022 to give opportunity to showcase who we are and what we do. We have presented information about the forum at the UK-wide CCN network meeting We have yet to establish a 'register' of link roles for our extended network
To raise the profile of 'home-care'	The committee continue to keep this in the forefront of their minds in each and every conversation we have. Conversations are taking place between our professional lead and the Homecare Association to see how we can a network link as there is currently a membership fee We have representation at the All Age Continuing Care Framework meetings. This is a fairly new working group and objectives and workplans have yet to be created
Continue to engage with the National PEWS (SPOT) project	At the current time, the SPOT programme does not include work-place areas that our forum represents and therefore no further involvement has been needed to date.
Launch and grow our clinical resources, building up a portfolio of case studies	The work on our 'meeting health care needs' conversion from publication to clinical resource page has consumed a significant time of the forums and the task and finish groups capacity due the complexities of the contents interfacing with education and social care. We have had to extend our key lines of enquiry to reduce risk of any challenges once published. The final draft is currently moving through the RCN Governance processes and checking from the perspectives of the 4 countries.
To plan for congress involvement, this year and next year	The forum had full voting member attendance at this year's congress.

	<p>The forum participated in the world café event, and the forum stand.</p> <p>We had a point of order made to ensure the wording of health and social care nursing was used at all times during the debates on resolutions and matters for discussion.</p> <p>The forum was represented during the Future Nurse Standards Matter for Discussion.</p> <p>The forum have begun discussions around ideas and suggestions for involvement in the 2023 congress. It has also been voiced via the Forum Chairs meeting that more relevance to CYP and CYP nursing should be made available during Congress – agenda items and exhibition stalls.</p>
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A member of our forum has been involved in the RCN's Nursing Support Worker's day film project

RCN Representation

- CCN Network meeting – this bi-monthly meeting is used as a platform to widen our engagement with members and non-members to provide updates on the work the committee is undertaking and to hear about any best practice or challenges that may shape the focus for the committee's future work.
- SPOT phase 2 launch event - from the information provided it was felt that the focus for this phase did not yet include settings represented by our forum
- SEND review -Health Session with NHSE/I, DHSC and DfE - SEN children are seen regularly by Continuing Care and Community nurses. The paper relates to managing special education needs including health needs in education establishments which are relevant to this forum and linked to the work that has been undertaken on this subject
- RCPCH Facing the Future audit working group - These standards centre on service delivery and planning for children and young people who are awaiting diagnosis or who have ongoing health conditions. Our contribution is providing an RCN collaboration and CYP nursing expertise in developing the auditable dataset and it is planned that the working group will support the audit through to completion.
- QNI Field Specific Standards for Community Children's Nursing - These Standards build on the NMC's core standards for post registration community nursing Specialist Practitioner Qualifications (SPQs) published earlier this year. We provide representation as a subject expert within the Standards Reference Group.
- NHSE Clinical Interventions in Education – Task and Finish Group - A Task and Finish Group has been established to identify, prioritise, recommend and lead on actions to support children and young people with clinical needs in education settings address workforce challenges, review statutory frameworks / guidance and advise on the

children and young people's workforce required to deliver the clinical interventions within education settings. We provide representation as a subject expert and sit in the legislation and workforce workstreams.

Contribution to Consultations/Policy development

Earlier in 2022 the committee took the decision to archive the 'meeting health needs of children and young people in community settings publication' as we acknowledged that the appendix which included a list of what tasks could and could not be delegated was causing difficulties in practice for practitioners rather than being helpful and was considered no longer fit for purpose.

As well as the in-depth work needed to happen in the review of our 'meeting health care needs in education and other community setting' publication, this year the forum have supported reviews of the CYP workforce standards and the CYP vital signs publication.

We have had a meeting with representatives from the Association of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists as part of our ongoing work and involvement in discussions around 'effective suctioning'. It was discussed that further meetings were required to plan a joint response and a suggestion of the development of work streams to ensure that best care practices are in place and that we are protecting members in both professions.

Plans for 2023:

To be confirmed following the CYP strategy day on 5th December.

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