

## Our Purpose

We represent RCN members currently or previously employed in Defence Nursing. This includes the whole force: the Royal Navy, Army, the Royal Air Force, or Civil Service. Our primary objective is to advance our members' academic and professional growth through collaboration with the RCN and Defence. We strive to raise awareness of Defence Nursing initiatives and champion the positive impact of nursing in the Armed Forces. We provide expert advice and guidance to the RCN to support its mission of promoting safe, high-quality, person-centred nursing care across all settings. The members of the Forum Steering Committee are dedicated to fulfilling this mission.

## Our vision

Our vision is to cultivate a thriving, engaged forum membership that feels supported and represented by its steering committee. In collaboration with its members, the forum represents and supports Defence nurses, while promoting their positive impact on patient care.

## Our SMART objectives

1. Plan a strategy to listen to what our membership wants, possibly through social media posts, listening events, and a survey (distributed widely, including through chair email, suggestion box at Congress, and social media) by September 25.
2. Recruit two new committee members and become a full committee reflective of our membership by Sep 25.
3. Complete RCN social media training by Jun 24.
4. Complete RCN ED&I training by Jul 24.
5. Review the RCN Library [Defence Nursing Subject Guide](#) by Jun 24.
6. Work with Critical Care and Flight Nursing, Peri-Operative, and Emergency Care Forum to deliver the [RCN Acute Care Symposium](#) in 2025.
7. Actively participate in RCN Congress 25.
8. Submit a bid to run a DNF Learning and Wellbeing Event at RCN Congress 25.
9. Contribute to key Defence Nursing events such as the CNO Symposium for Royal Navy, Army, RAF throughout 24.
10. Promote the benefits of the RCN and the DNF with Defence Nursing students throughout the year.
11. Explore the opportunity to attend/be involved in the Trauma Care Conference.
12. Explore ideas for a webinar series (FGM, health security, breastfeeding network) while working with the Mental Health Forum/Women's Health Forum.
13. Build links with the Academic Department of military nursing.

<b>Forum Steering Committee Membership</b>	
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Maj James Cooper	JC
Cpl Rebecca Crisp	RC
Mark Cadman	MC
Danielle Cording	DC
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Gapped	
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