

RCN Forum Annual Report 2023

Forum Name:

Emergency Care Forum

Introduction:

We represent members who work in Urgent and Emergency care by collaborating with other forums and professional organisations. Our priorities are to support and develop staff within UEC in providing safe, effective, and quality care. We focus on best practice and innovations in care identifying areas for development through joint working and shared learning.

Membership of the forum

The RCN Emergency Care Association currently have 8518 members and is the first-choice forum for 5711 members.

The committee had 6 voting places at Congress. The ECF Committee have appointed 2 new committee members this year. The Steering committee members are from wide range of Emergency care nursing background from prehospital, academia, clinical and management. We also want to expand the expertise within the Forum working with subject matter experts as forum ambassadors.

Reflections in 2023: (Outputs and outcomes)

The forum has focused on building as a steering committee, gaining understanding and confidence in roles, responsibilities, and networking with other organisations. Monthly committee meetings have been established with a standard agenda enabling feedback from all committee members and continuing the momentum in developing and promoting the forum. A focus throughout the year has been the updating the ECA level 1 and 2 competencies to ensure they are meaningful, practical, and valid for our members; ensuring they meet the ever-evolving needs of Emergency care nurses.

The Steering committee met in March 2023 to develop Forum Strategy. One of our key priorities continues to be increasing communication with our forum members, including the use of social media. The Facebook page is now regularly updated by one of the committee members and there are currently 1,381 members on our Facebook group. The Twitter account was relaunched and currently has 94 followers, there were issues with the old Twitter account which the media team are aware of but are outside the control of the committee.

The Steering committee is currently finalising the ECF Level 1 and 2 competencies with the support of other relevant forums and colleagues. Once completed the plan is to develop Level 3 competencies and investigate the feasibility of a digital platform.

ECA participation at the following events:

- March 2023 – NHSE Acuity pilot Launch hosted by NHSE and RCEM.
 - **Presentation by Committee member**

- June 2023 - All committee members attended Congress.
 - **Supported Forum stand.**
 - **Participation in forum world café**
 - **Networked with other forums and members.**

- October 2023 – NHS Resolutions Emergency Department learning Event Forum following the publication of the following [reports](#)
 - **High value and fatalities**
 - **Missed fractures.**
 - **Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcers and falls.**

- October 2023 – Guest speakers at Emergency Care conference. Presented on
 - **ECF – its roles & responsibilities**
 - **Abdominal assessment**
 - **Patient assessment in ED**

RCN Representation

The ECF Steering committee is also engaged in wide range of national projects.

- NHSE ED Acuity project
- NHSE ED leadership programme development Task & finish group
- NHSE College and Faculty UEC update meetings.
- Joint Royal College Ambulance Liaison committee
- Board member of Faculty Emergency Nursing
- New hospital builds programme.
- Kings Fund

Contribution to Consultations/Policy development

- Non-fatal strangulation policy
- NHSE maturity Matrix

Plans for 2024:

Strategy day will be held early 2024 which will build on the objective set this year and will include:

Supporting RCN work on congress resolution on corridor care

Acute and critical care symposium – planned March 2024

Active participation in congress

Completion of review of Level one and two ECF competencies

Development of level three competencies

UEC Workforce standards (the existing standards are due for review in 2023)

Violence and aggression – working jointly with other RCN forums.

For further information on ECF forum, please visit our website:

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/Get-Involved/Forums/Emergency-Care-Forum>

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