

Forum Project Completion and Evaluation Form

Project name: Consensus statement on RCN Education and Career Progression Framework for Fertility Nursing	
Date project started: Feb 2022	Date project completed: April 2023
Forum(s): Fertility Nursing	
Project Lead: Francesca Steyn	
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Outcomes/Outputs:	
Provide a brief description of the project and reasons for development:	In 2021, the FNF published a report on the impact assessment on the RCN Career Framework for Fertility Nurses (FNs). The recommendations suggest a round table, to include key external stakeholders to discuss the issues raised during the assessment. This was achieved and led to the development of a consensus statement to support career progression for FNs.
Was the project delivered on time?	Extension was sought and agreed by FGG (due to Roundtable highlighted some challenging intelligence, and this has necessitated setting up a further meeting with key stakeholders)
Did the project meet/deliver the planned objectives as set out in the project plan?	Yes
How did the project link to the wider Nursing Department and RCN objectives?	Yes, to enhance our member offer and services.
What were the key lessons learnt in the development of the project?	Importance of preplanning and ensuring the right stakeholders are gathered and consulted, as well as the need to follow up controversial issues with stakeholders to develop consensus on nurse education in fertility.
Describe the outcome and/or impact achieved by delivering this project	National consensus statement agreed and published which will enhance a continuing professional development and career progression for nurses working in fertility care.
Were there any unintended/ unexpected outcomes?	Further work – new project to develop national guidance for nurses performing ultrasound in fertility care.
Evaluation	
How will the project be evaluated, and information shared?	Feedback on value in practice will be sought from stakeholders. No formal evaluation of this project planned, as part of wider work of the forum on career development.
Is there any feedback or initial evaluation that you would like to share?	Consensus statement is proving useful to clarify national expectations around element of CPD for fertility nurses.