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RCN Professional Forums: Midwifery



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RCN & Forum functions

- ❖ Represent Midwives, Nurses, Midwifery and Nursing
 - ❖ While “Midwife and Nurse” is used we of course have
 - ❖ HCA & student membership groups
- ❖ Shape Health Policy
- ❖ Promote Excellence in Practice
- ❖ Across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

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MEMBER INTERFACE FOR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY FOR THE RCN

- ❖ 1 Chair
- ❖ 5 Committee Members, who are all midwives with a wide range of expertise
- ❖ We currently have over 600 members in the forum

RCN Midwifery Forum

- ❖ Yvonne Bronsky(Chair),
- ❖ Angela Cartwright
- ❖ Kiara McElroy
- ❖ Wendy Olayiwola
- ❖ Andrea Stebbings

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Promoting excellence in practice

- ❖ The RCN Forums have produced guidance to;
 - ❖ Raise awareness
 - ❖ Improve outcomes
 - ❖ Empower midwives and nurses



Represent Nurses and Midwives

- ❖ Resources for Midwives and Nurses
- ❖ Publications to support practice
- ❖ Representation at national activities e.g. MMHA, RCOG,
- ❖ Professional Events
- ❖ Shaping Policy
- ❖ Shaping Service Provision



How Forums work

- ❖ A strategy planning day is held annually
- ❖ Regular remote meetings are held to check progress against the strategy
- ❖ The Forum will bid for funding to carry out specific projects that they agree in their annual plan
- ❖ The forum engages in national consultations, projects and events to promote midwifery and the RCN
- ❖ Internationally, the forum is a member of the International Confederation of Midwives

Midwifery at the RCN:

supporting midwives,
student midwives and
maternity support workers



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RCN Midwifery Forum aims to convey professional expert opinion to include:-

- ❖ Leading evidence based practice towards improving practice and delivery of care
- ❖ Be a resource in supportive learning and developmental needs for members
- ❖ Raise the professional profile and promote the visibility of policy and practice
- ❖ Lead and influence the public health agenda to promote high standards of women's healthcare



Female Genital Mutilation
RCN guidance for sexual health care

CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE



Female Genital Mutilation
RCN guidance for travel health services

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Pregnancy and disability

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Being pregnant, or wanting to be pregnant, can be both exciting and challenging, and this is equally so for anyone with a defined disability. This resource is intended for use by midwives, nurses, and any healthcare professionals caring for women and their families during pregnancy, childbirth and postnatally.



Multiple Births Midwife Standard

RCN guidance for midwifery and nursing



RCN Midwifery Forum

Membership:

Membership of RCN via <https://www.rcn.org.uk/join-the-rcn/Join>

Forums are open to all RCN nurse and/or midwifery members, including students and Healthcare Assistants, and are free to join. Access information via MyRCN <https://my.rcn.org.uk/>

Find out more about our work at

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/get-involved/forums>

Questions welcome. Thank you