



RCN Professional Forums: Midwifery Forum



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RCN & Forum functions

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

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MEMBER INTERFACE FOR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY FOR THE RCN

- ❖ 1 Chair
- ❖ 6 Committee Members
- ❖ Link Members

- ❖ Varied remits by
 - ❖ Speciality
 - ❖ Field of practice
 - ❖ Shared interest

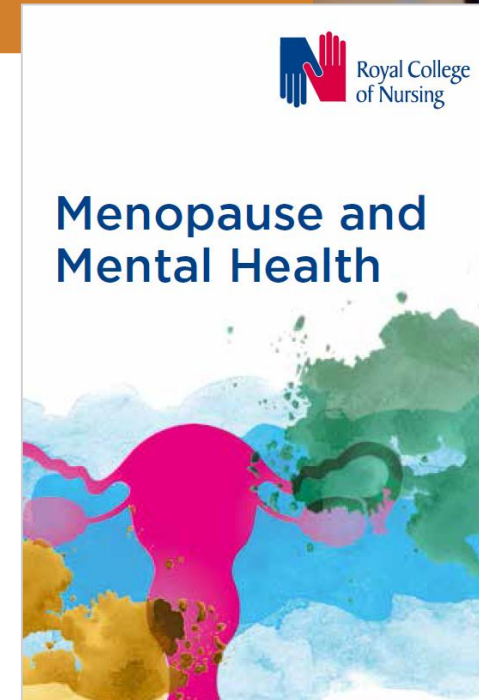
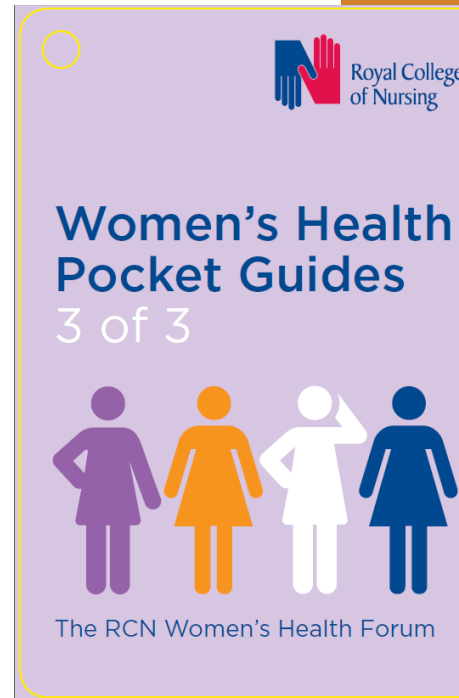
RCN Midwifery Forum

- Yvonne Bronsky(Chair)
- ❖ Angela Cartwright
- ❖ Judy Evans
- ❖ Pat Lindsay
- ❖ Jessica Read
- ❖ Andrea Stebbings

Carmel Bagness, RCN Professional Lead
Midwifery & Woman's Health
Nikki Mills, Project Co-ordinator

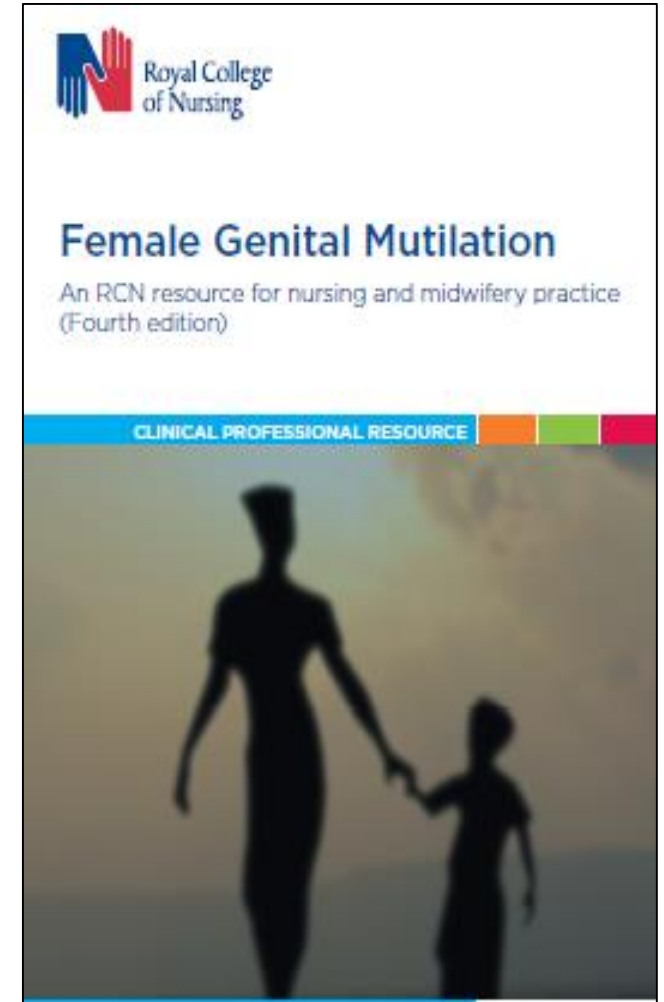
Promoting excellence in practice

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



Represent Nurses, Nursing, Midwives and Midwifery

- ❖ Resources for Nurses and Midwives
- ❖ Publications to support practice
- ❖ Representation at National Activates e.g. MMHA, RCOG and MBRACE
- ❖ 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 will engage 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



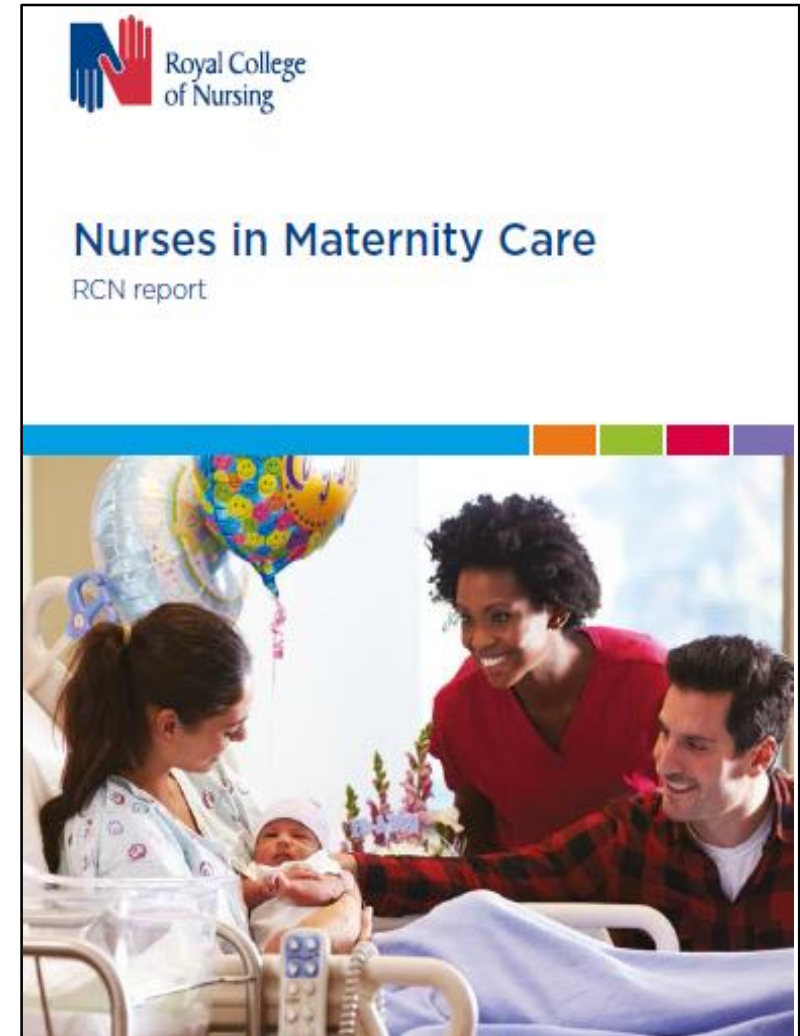
RCN Midwifery Forum aims to convey professional expert opinion

- ❖ **Leading evidence based practice towards improving practice and delivery of care**
- ❖ **Be a resource in supportive learning and developmental needs of 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 maternity healthcare**

Reports on key issues such as workforce

The RCN Midwifery Forum engages with important topics relevant to safe and effective care for all women and their families.

Nurses in Maternity Care is a survey carried out by the Midwifery Forum. It sought information on the numbers of non-midwifery staff employed in maternity services, their roles, and role-specific training.



RCN Midwifery Forum

Membership:

Any RCN member can join the Forum by contacting RCN Direct on 0345 772 6100 or applying on line www.rcn.org.uk/direct

Forums are open to all RCN nurse and/or midwifery members, including students and Healthcare Assistants, and are free to join.

Find out more about our work at

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

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Questions welcome. Thank you.