

Name of Forum	Nursing in Justice and Forensic Healthcare	Date of Report	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
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Since our last report, the forum has been active in several key areas and with some significant stakeholders.

Of note is the forum's involvement at the **RCGP Secure Environment Summit in Birmingham** in October 2023. Three of the committee (Helen McNally, Paul McAleer, Deanna Mezen) presented a paper with the Professional Lead (Dr Liz Walsh) that discussed the role of the Justice and Forensic Forum and outlined its current and past work.

As a result of this presentation and their presence at the two day Summit, we are now collaborating with the RCGP and the RCPSych in the development and planning of the 2023 Summit, which will be held in Belfast in October. This means that nursing and nurses are firmly on the agenda of the Summit, which is the main annual conference that serves the justice and forensic community in the UK.

In addition to this, forum committee members have also been involved in

- **Research activity** with the University of Manchester (Deanna Mezen – health and social care of older prisoners)
- **Sharing good practice** and influencing best practice tool development in the field of palliative care in prison through attendance at an NHS England Task and Finish Group, and with Hospice UK (Deanna Mezen)
- **Raising the profile** of prison nursing through presentation at RCNi Jobs Fair (Emma Firth)
- **Engagement with QNI** on the steering group overseeing the development of field specific standards for advanced practice (Jess Davidson & Paul McAleer)
- Contribution to **Publication** latest edition of the Nursing Standard 'Non-Judgmental Nursing: when your patients may have committed a crime' (Deanna Mezen)
- **Engagement with Macmillan and Teenage Cancer Trust** to discuss ways to address the challenges of accessing prisoners with cancer in line with support available in the wider community (Deanna Mezen and Angie McDonald)

What has been the impact or difference made as a result of the member representation?

Over the last six months the forum committee has significantly raised the profile of nursing in justice and forensic settings via their enthusiastic engagement with the RCGP Secure Environments Group and their conference.

Practice promoted by the national NHS England Health in Justice Team in the field of palliative care via the Dying Well in Custody Charter, has been informed via discussion and input from forum members.

The HM Prison and Probation Older Person Strategy, which is due for publication this year, has been influenced by the research that they commissioned the University of Manchester to undertake and which the forum has been involved with.

The care offered to prisoners with cancer may well be influenced as a result of the forum's engagement with Macmillan and Teenage Cancer Trust, however, discussions are ongoing.

**Dr Liz Walsh, Professional Lead for Justice and Forensic Healthcare, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**