RCN Representation Summary Report

Name of Forum	Public Health Forum	**Date of Report**	April 26– September 2026
Professional Lead	Jessica Turner	**Forum Chair**	Luke Evans

Please provide a summary of how the forum has represented the RCN over the past 6 months and the key points for FCC to note:

1. **Joint TB Committee - British Thoracic Society (BTS)**
   Attended by Hanna Kaur, RCN Public Health Forum member – 20 April 2026
   The Joint TB Committee, hosted by the British Thoracic Society, brings together representatives from key organisations involved in tuberculosis policy, clinical practice, service delivery and research, including national professional and healthcare bodies from across the UK. The purpose of the meeting is to share expertise, discuss strategic developments, and support collaborative approaches to improving TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care.

2. **Northern European Conference on Travel Medicine (NECTM10)**
   Attended by Sandra Grieve, RCN Public Health Forum member – 2-5 June 2026
   The Northern European Conference on Travel Medicine (NECTM10), held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, was hosted by the UK Travel Health Partners, including the Royal College of Nursing, National Travel Health Network and Centre (NaTHNaC), British Global and Travel Health Association, and the Faculty of Travel Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow and Ireland. The conference brings together international practitioners, researchers and experts in travel medicine, tropical medicine and infectious diseases to share evidence, research and best practice.

3. **Winter Planning – Royal College of Nursing**
   Attended by Rod Thomson, RCN Public Health Forum Steering Committee member – 1 July 2026
   The Winter Planning event was hosted by the Royal College of Nursing and brought together RCN members, forum representatives and nursing professionals to consider preparations for winter pressures across health and care services. The purpose of the meeting was to explore approaches to winter planning, including the use of data and intelligence to support service delivery, workforce planning and population health needs.

4. **All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Black Health**
   Attended by Luke Evans, Chair of the RCN Public Health Forum – 14 July
   The meeting was hosted by the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Black Health, chaired by Paulette Hamilton MP. The APPG brings together parliamentarians, healthcare professionals, academics, charities and other stakeholders to discuss issues affecting Black health outcomes. This meeting focused on cardiovascular disease (CVD) prevention in Black populations, exploring evidence, case studies and approaches to reducing health inequalities and improving cardiovascular health outcomes.

What has been the impact or difference made as a result of the member representation; for example, you might want to consider:

1. **Joint TB Committee - British Thoracic Society (BTS)**
   RCN representation provided an opportunity to update stakeholders on the forthcoming RCN TB Nurse Competency Framework and planned revision of the RCN TB Case Management Tool, reinforcing the RCN's role as a respected national partner in TB practice and workforce development. Attendance also provided valuable intelligence on emerging policy, service and workforce developments, including the NICE TB guideline review, rising TB rates across the UK, NHS England priorities and plans to expand Non-tuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) services, helping to inform the Public Health Forum's work and future priorities.

2. **Northern European Conference on Travel Medicine (NECTM10)**
   As a member of the Scientific Committee and Chair of the Local Organising Committee, Sandra played a leading role in developing the conference programme. She established and chaired a dedicated nursing symposium and workshop, promoting the contribution of nurses to travel health practice and facilitating international knowledge exchange. Representation strengthened the profile of the RCN as a founding NECTM partner and showcased UK nurse-led travel health practice to an international audience, while supporting collaboration with European and global partners and highlighting RCN resources that support best practice.

3. **Winter Planning – Royal College of Nursing**
   RCN Public Health Forum representation ensured that a population health perspective was included in discussions on winter planning. Attendance provided an opportunity to promote the use of public health data and population health approaches to understanding and addressing health needs during periods of increased demand. This helped raise awareness of the work of the Public Health Forum and encouraged other forums and participants to consider prevention, population health and wider determinants of health when planning services and responding to winter pressures.

4. **All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Black Health**
   RCN representation ensured that the nursing perspective was present within national discussions on health inequalities and cardiovascular disease prevention. Attendance provided valuable insight into emerging frameworks and programmes aimed at improving CVD outcomes in Black populations, helping to inform the Forum's work on health promotion and reducing health inequalities. The meeting also facilitated networking with key stakeholders, including representatives from public health, nursing, medical and charitable organisations, strengthening relationships and raising the profile of the RCN as an advocate for health equity and population health improvement.

Any other relevant information you would like to share with FCC?

No futher information to add