

Name of Forum	Public Health Forum	Date of Report	Oct 2022 -March 2023
Professional Lead	Jessica Turner	Forum Chair	Hanna Kaur

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

Hanna Kaur, chair of the public health forum steering committee, recently represented the RCN at two key meetings. Hanna is a Tuberculosis (TB) Lead Nurse Specialist and represents the forum for TB on several national groups.

1. In October 2022, Hanna attended the UK Joint Tuberculosis Committee (JTC). The JTC is an independent group which seeks to co-ordinate and inform work relating to TB care across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and is hosted by the British Thoracic Society (BTS). In summary, the principal aims of the JTC are to co-ordinate specialist expert opinion across the United Kingdom in those matters which require national attention and action and act as a source of advice on tuberculosis.

During this meeting, the JTC committee membership was discussed, and it was agreed that no changes would be made at this stage. Other key areas of discussion included current drug shortages, non-tuberculous mycobacteria (NTM), TB training for trainees (medical and nursing) and refugees from Ukraine, as there is a high rate of drug resistance TB in Ukraine.

2. In November 2022, Hanna attended the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Global TB. The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global TB's mission is to accelerate progress towards ending the TB epidemic. This meeting discussed the upcoming United Nations (UN) high-level meeting on TB and was a roundtable discussion. During this meeting, the discussion included global TB, TB in the UK, TB awareness, the challenges of tackling TB and World TB Day.

Jan Sinclair is one of the RCN public health forum link nurses and Senior Healthcare Public Health Nurse she is also one of the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), formally Public Health England, National Nurse Lead Clinical Champion.

3. In January 2023, Jan attended the Moving Healthcare Professionals Advisory Board to represent the RCN in an expert nurse capacity and to communicate any information relative to the nursing profession which would support the meeting objectives. During this meeting the discussion included reflecting on the key achievements of the Moving Healthcare Professionals Programme, transition plans for the programme moving forward, potential opportunities from the programme and presentations regarding the current position of the programme and key highlights from the different workstreams.

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

- How has it informed practice (e.g. clinical, policy, education, research) and the work of the forum/organisation?
- How has it influenced developments/changes in areas of practice (e.g. clinical, policy, education, research)?
- How has it impacted any of our positions?
- Has it provided intelligence that the RCN would not have known without representation?
- How has the representation raised the profile of the RCN?

Impact/ difference

Item 1 and 2:

- Informs the RCN work on TB and feeds into wider work on infection prevention control (IPC) including tackling inequalities, particularly for vulnerable groups who are inevitably at higher risk of TB.
- Attendance informs the RCN's work and clinical, now ELD, pages on tuberculosis and homelessness and inclusion health which sit within the general public health pages.
- Attendance ensures UK-wide engagement and intelligence specialist medical opinion, public health expertise, epidemiological information, and national government policy advice and ensures the RCN is kept updated on this insight.
- Attendance ensures there is nursing and RCN representation and enables updates to be shared with wider colleagues, an example includes that Hanna was able to provide an update on the TB Competency framework at the JTC meeting. Additionally, at the APPG Hanna was able to give a nursing perspective on the challenges being faced with the cost of living.

Item 3:

- Attendance at the MHPP advisory group informs the RCN's work for the physical activity clinical, now ELD, pages which sit within the general public health pages.
- It ensures there is a nursing voice on the programme. Nursing staff are key in the conversations and behaviour change approaches to increase physical activity across the population. Involvement at the meeting ensured that Jan was involved in the discussions around the Moving Healthcare Professionals Programme and in particular how the information could be cascaded via the RCN physical activity forum page e.g. an updated blog to highlight the positive evaluation.
- The work has also led to the RCN supporting the Motivate 2 move and physical activity toolkit which are multiagency.

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