

RCN Representation Summary Report

Name of Forum	Rheumatology	Date of Report	29/08/23
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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:

ARMA

- We continue to receive committee invites from ARMA (Arthritis & Musculoskeletal Alliance) and forum members try to attend as many as possible. This has proved difficult due to clashes in diaries. We continue to disseminate via Facebook and twitter to members.
- SAWAG member engagement continues – attendance is twice per year
- Closer working with BSR has enabled RCN Rheumatology nurses to receive a discount if joining the first time.
- Close working to have a presence within the National conference has been highlighted for a meet and greet area for nurses to network – this was well attended and requested again – email to Di Finney (BSR Education committee)
- Ongoing collaboration with BSR re a Clinical business case to pull together information for guidelines re CNS and job planning has started as a scoping exercise
- Ongoing collaboration with Academic unit re advice line research to aid further exploration and impact on Rheumatology nurses

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?

- BSR Workforce report in final stages to recommend job planning for nurses. This will enable nurses to follow best practice and influence policy around CNS job planning and workloads.
- Biologics document refresh following BSR review, pending further edits. This is a high profile and high impact resource which is used nationally by the Rheumatology Nursing community.
- Continued close working with the BSR continues to raise the profile of the Rheumatology Forum.