



The voice of nursing in the UK

Take part in #RCN2020 this autumn

RCN Congress 2020 was due to take place in Liverpool during June, but a new agenda has been set for an interactive online series of debates and events, entitled #RCN2020.

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## RCN consultation

The RCN Group is developing an Education, Learning and Development (ELD) strategy for 2021-2024, and is keen to ensure that members' views help shape this work. The strategy will look at ELD provision for the whole nursing workforce. Book onto an engagement event running throughout August, or respond online.

## Nursing workforce study

The impact of COVID-19 on the nursing and midwifery workforce (ICON) study team has launched its third and final survey. The previous two surveys have highlighted the challenges being faced across the UK. Your help and support are crucial to understanding the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on our workforce.

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## Research funding

The Burdett Trust for Nursing has issued a call for proposals for their latest grants programme, 'COVID-19: supporting resilience in the nursing workforce'. Apply by 12 September.

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## Research voices

Thomas Walters, a senior research nurse from London, describes his experience of going back to an intensive care unit (ICU), and how that has renewed his appreciation for research.

[Read the blog](#)

## Research findings

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is the world's first health research funder to publish comprehensive accounts of its funded research within its own publicly and permanently available journals. Recent publications include.

- [Understanding how front-line staff use patient experience data for service improvement.](#)
- [Undiagnosed dementia in primary care: a record linkage study.](#)
- [Evaluating alcohol intoxication management services.](#)
- [Promoting maternal postnatal weight management and positive lifestyle behaviour.](#)

You can read all the latest publications and find out about research being published in the future on the NIHR journals library website.

[Discover more](#)

## COVID-NURSE study

As part of the rapid rolling call for COVID-19 research, the NIHR has funded a randomised controlled trial to look at the development, testing and evaluation of a COVID-19 fundamental nursing care protocol. Professor David Richards from the University of Exeter is leading the study.

[Find out more](#)

## Improve NHS decision making

The NIHR Centre for Engagement and Dissemination is looking for health and social care professionals to provide reviews on recently published, NIHR-funded, research. Your views will help them determine the importance of the research findings and guide them on what evidence should be disseminated.

[Become a reviewer](#)

## Stroke resource

A new Atrial Fibrillation (AF) digital toolkit has been launched to support those working in AF stroke prevention across the NHS. It brings together methodologies and resources that can be used to help detect people with AF, improve rates of anticoagulation therapy, and perfect treatment.

[Access the toolkit](#)

## Stroke research

The Stroke Association Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) is asking people affected by stroke, including close friends and family who are supporting stroke survivors, and health and social care professionals who work in stroke, for their most important unanswered questions for stroke research.

[Have your say](#)

## Sharing health evidence you can trust

Evidently Cochrane aims to make Cochrane evidence really accessible, and to encourage discussion about it, through blogs which usually feature new or updated reviews on a health topic. Recent blogs include.

- [Central venous catheter \(CVC\) management.](#)
- [Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.](#)
- [What helps older people take their medication correctly?](#)
- [Convalescent plasma to treat people with COVID-19: the evidence so far.](#)
- [Exercise for period pain: new evidence.](#)

Please visit the Evidently Cochrane website for a complete list of blogs, including evidence for everyday nursing and evidence for everyday midwifery.

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## Research impact

The NIHR is seeking applications for a sub-committee chair for the Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR) programme.

**Apply by 31 October**

## Make a difference

The University of Bedfordshire is seeking to appoint a Head of School for its newly formed School of Nursing. Apply by 31 August.

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