

Regulation on RCN Forums

This regulation sets out the purpose of RCN Forums and the process for any changes.

RCN Forums

- provide a focus for members to participate in professional activities.
 - provide a focus for RCN activity within specialist areas of interest.
 - provide a structure within the RCN for those specialist areas of interest and their associated accountability.
 - encourage all nursing staff engaged in the forum's specialist area of interest to join the RCN, and to become engaged, involved and active.
 - provide an opportunity for RCN members engaged in the forum's specialist area of interest to meet together, to network and to increase their knowledge and skills and so enhance their practice.
 - lead the development of knowledge within specialist areas of interest.
 - link with the relevant committees to ensure that the views of forum members are taken into account in all consultations.
 - submit proposed agenda items for RCN Congress and ensuring that the forum is represented at Congress.
 - support nominations for election to RCN Council, RCN President and Deputy President, the Agenda Committee and other entities as determined by the Charter, Standing Orders and Regulations.
1. All RCN members in any membership category or payment plan are encouraged to join a forum. Members may join more than one forum.
 2. Members must select one forum as their first choice forum – this is to enable the calculation of voting rights at RCN Congress (forums are able to send one funded voting member per 1000 members or part thereof to Congress).
 3. The Professional Nursing Committee (PNC) will establish and agree the name of RCN Forums and notify RCN Council.
 4. A Chair and Members of the steering committee will be selected as provided for in RCN election and appointments policy and procedure documents.
 5. A forum may be dissolved, merged with another forum, or have its name altered by approval of the PNC who will notify RCN Council.
 6. Council will approve the brief for any review of forums and the outcomes of any such will then be consulted on before Council considers any recommendations for change.

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- Regulation updated December 2023, to reflect change from Nursing Practice and Policy Committee to Professional Nursing Committee.
- Regulation updated July 2024 to enable the Professional Nursing Committee to approve the establishment of RCN Forums, Forum name changes, the dissolution of Forums and the merging of one Forum with another where appropriate.

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