

## Council

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>23 April 2015</b>
<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Report Back from the Ethics Committee</b>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>Janet Holt, Chair</b>
<b>Is a decision required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b>	

1. The Ethics Committee met on 21 November 2014.

### Induction for New Members

2. We welcomed two new members to the Committee at this meeting – Jeanette Foley and Zoe Lambert.
3. The first session was an opportunity to brief Jeanette and Zoe on the work of the Committee and how it works as part of the RCN governance structure.
4. We will have a further new member – Judith Dyson – joining us in January 2015 and have also agreed to invite Jane Denton, Convenor of Fellows, to become a member.
5. Martin Johnson stood down as a member of the Committee in November.

### Health Alliance on Climate Change – Ethical

6. After lunch, we received a presentation on the RCN's approach to the management of its investment portfolio. We agreed that the priority for the RCN was to optimise the performance of the portfolio for the maximum benefit of the membership now and in the future whilst at the same time upholding its core values as a profession.

### 2015 Committee Work Programme

7. We worked through our draft work programme for 2015 item by item.

### **Ethics in Nursing Education**

8. We noted that the bid submitted to the GNC to fund a research project to inform the development of a model core curriculum for UK pre-registration nursing ethics education had not been successful.
9. Martin Johnson had held a workshop, however, at the Nurse Education Tomorrow Conference on 1 September 2014. We received a note of that workshop.
10. We agreed that the most productive way of taking this work forward was to contribute to the RCN response to the NMC Pre-Registration Nursing Education Revalidation Consultation informed by a survey of Schools of Nursing.
11. We also agreed to find out whether there was an opportunity for the Committee to input into the ethics component of the Care Certificate.

### **Updates to the Committee**

12. We noted the timeline and process for finalising the enquiry tags on the new MIS system for recording advice requested by members on ethical issues and that work on the next phase of the Legal and Governance Review had now commenced.

**The Committee next meets on 16 February 2015.**