



Council

Date of Meeting:	23 April 2015
Title of Paper:	Report from the Students Committee
Appendices:	None
Presented by:	Brendan Garry, Chair
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1. The Students Committee met on 19 February 2015.

Presentation from the Chair of the International Committee

2. The first item on our agenda was a presentation on the RCN's international strategy and the work being done internationally for students.
3. We also discussed the RCN's engagement with the European Nursing Student Association (ENSA) and will consider this further at our next meeting.

Congress 2015

4. We spent a large part of our meeting discussing the students programme at Congress this year.
5. We have agreed to support the Fellows event on end of life care and an event being organised by the Practice Nurses Association aimed at encouraging students to consider out of hospital nursing as a career.
6. We have asked the Agenda Committee to consider running a daily briefing session for all student attendees at Congress on how Congress works, top tips for speaking, how to use procedural items cards etc.

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RCN Relationship with the National Union of Students (NUS)

7. We noted that the NUS would be taking a proposal for the RCN to become an associate member to their Council meeting on 4 March.
8. We also discussed how the Committee could support a campaign being led by the Vice President for Health Education with Kings College, London students union to improve the engagement and representation of nursing students within student unions across the UK.

RCN General Election Strategy/ Nursing Counts Campaign

9. The Committee were briefed on the launch of the Nursing Counts campaign and invited to make photo pledges.
10. We will also be working with the NUS to encourage as many students as possible to vote and to ask candidates what their position was on bursaries for nursing students.

Nurse Education

11. We received an update on the Shape of Caring review and noted progress on the development of the questionnaire for circulation to universities to scope the clinical skills that are currently taught as part of all pre-registration programmes in the UK.

Project Work

12. We agreed next steps on the two projects the Committee is currently undertaking to review the role of the Student Information Officer and to prepare guidance on how to make sure your practice placement is successful.

Committee Priorities and Work Plan 2015

13. The Committee reviewed and updated its work plan for 2015.

Updates to the Committee

14. Finally, the Committee were briefed on the peer support available through Member Support Services for disabled students, discussed student input to the Healthy Workplaces Project and received an overview of the four Council consultations open until 31 March.
15. We also noted regional updates from Committee members.

The Committee next meets on 8 May 2015.