

## Congress 2015 programme, timeslots and AGM

- 1 The template provides for 28 items (23 plus 5 emergency)
- 2 Debating time for an item is 30 minutes (25 minutes debating and 5 minutes for voting)
- 3 Social and other events are also noted
- 4 New Breakfast events on Tues and Wed
- 5 Student programme Mon and Tues
- 6 Keynote/main hall session slots (please note, these are indicative and show that a max. of five plus Council report could be accommodated if required):

Monday morning Monday afternoon)  
Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon  
Wednesday morning (Council report)  
Thursday morning

- 7 Agenda Committee election hustings to be held at the end of Tuesday afternoon

**Version 12**

**SUNDAY 21 June**

**17.00 to 19.00**

**Welcome and opening remarks from Chair of Council**

**Presidential hand over of chain**

**New President's address**

**Awards ceremony – RCN and RCN Foundation**

**19.00**

**Drinks reception and formal VIP opening of exhibition and viewing**

**20.00**

**Dinner – RCN award winners**

**Reception – RCN Foundation winners**

**MONDAY 22 June**

**Student programme**

**8.30 - Exhibition opens**

**9.00 – 9.30 Chair - Welcome and introductions, first and second reports of Agenda Committee,  
Vice Chair – “In the media” session**

**9.30 – 10.30 Debating Session 2 slots**

1	That this meeting of RCN Congress urges Council to oppose the use of covert video and audio surveillance and recording in nursing and residential homes.	R	Suffolk Branch
2	That this meeting of RCN Congress discusses the impact of health inequalities in childhood.	MfD	UK Safety Reps Committee

**10.30 - 11.15 BREAK/Exhibition Viewing**

**11.15 – 11.45 Debating Session 1 slot**

3	That this meeting of RCN Congress discusses the provision of non-emergency ambulance services to NHS hospital and community clinic appointments.	MfD	Birmingham East, North and Solihull Branch
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**11.45 - 12.30 Keynote - Health Secretary tbc**

**12.30 – 14.00 BREAK /Exhibition Viewing/Lunchtime events**

**12.45 – 13.30 Events at Congress**

**14:00 – 14.45      Keynote**

**14.45 – 15.45      Debating session 2 slots**

4	That this meeting of RCN Congress asks Council to take action against organisations failing to provide sufficiently robust lone working systems to protect community staff.	<b>MfD</b>	<b>UK Safety Reps Committee</b>
5	That this meeting of RCN Congress calls on the UK Government to withdraw plans for non-EU nurses to be deported if their salary after five years is less than £35,000.	<b>R</b>	<b>South Birmingham Branch</b>

**15.45 – 16.15      BREAK/Exhibition**

**16.15 – 17.45      Debating Session 3 slots**

6	EMERGENCY RESOLUTION		
7	That this meeting of RCN Congress calls on governments within the UK to change their lackadaisical approach to nursing workforce planning.	<b>R</b>	<b>UK Stewards Committee</b>
8	That this meeting of RCN Congress lobbies for improved mental health services for LGBT patients	<b>R</b>	<b>Cardiff and the Vale Branch</b>

**18.15 to 19.15 Evening events**

**20.00 to 22.00 Country and regional receptions**

**22.00 – Celtic celebration**



**TUESDAY 23 June**

**Student programme**

**8.15 to 8.45 Breakfast events**

**8.30 Exhibition opens**

**9.00 – 9.15 Chair - welcome and test vote, report of Agenda Committee  
Vice Chair – “In the media” session**

**9.15 – 10.45 Debating Session 3 slots**

9	That this meeting of RCN Congress requests Council to put pressure on the governments within the UK to address the crisis in the A&E service.	R	<b>East Dorset Branch</b>
10	That this meeting of RCN Congress urges Council to lobby governments within the UK to enhance the role of nurses providing services to people in custody in police stations and courts.	R	<b>Devon Branch</b>
11	EMERGENCY RESOLUTION		

**10.45 – 11.30 BREAK/Exhibition Viewing**

**11.30 – 12.00 Debating session 1 slot**

12	That this meeting of Congress discusses ways for employers to relieve the financial burden on nursing staff in light of sub-inflationary pay awards, including payment of professional fees.	MfD	<b>Essex Branch</b>
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**12:00 - 12:45**      **Keynote – Dr Peter Carter**

**12.45 – 14.15**      **BREAK/Exhibition Viewing/Lunchtime events**

**13.00 – 13.45**      **Events at Congress**

**14.15 - 15.15**      **Debating Session** **2 slots**

13	That this meeting of RCN Congress discusses whether policies for the integration of health and social care services introduced by successive governments within the UK are helping or compounding the current pressures in the health services.	MfD	East Kent Branch
14	That this meeting of RCN Congress calls on Council to lobby governments within the UK to recognise the true cost of care, and make adjustments in the payments made to care home providers.	R	Older People’s Forum

**15.15 – 16.00**      **BREAK/Exhibition Viewing**

**16.00 - 16.30**      **Keynote –**

**16.30 – 17.30**      **Debating Session** **1 slot**

15	That this meeting of RCN Congress urges Council to lobby governments within the UK to take all actions to prepare the UK health services for the effects of long term climate change.	R	Welsh Board
	<p><b>Agenda Committee Election Hustings</b>                  Each candidate will be asked to speak on a) why they should be elected and b) what skills and experience they will bring to the role.                  The length of time each will speak will depend on the number of candidates who stand.                  A staff member from ERS will be present to oversee the process.</p>		

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18.00 to 19.00 Evening events

20.00 Quiz night/film screening (tbc)

**WEDNESDAY 24 June**

8.15 to 8.45 Breakfast events

8.30 – Exhibition opens

9.00 – 9.15 Chair - welcome and test vote, report of Agenda Committee  
Vice Chair – “In the media” session

9.15 - 10.15 Debating Session 2 slots

16	That this meeting of RCN Congress discusses whether there is still a need to maintain a local branch based structure in the RCN.	MfD	East Kent Branch
17	EMERGENCY RESOLUTION		

10.15 – 11.00 **BREAK/Exhibition Viewing**

11.00 – 11.30 **Report of Council to Congress – Chair of Council**

11.30 to 12.30 Debating Session 2 slots

18	That this meeting of RCN Congress discusses the health benefits of music.	MfD	Inner North East London Branch
19	Should nurses in the RCN strike to protect not only ourselves but	MfD	Greater Glasgow Branch



	our patients and the services that they rely on?		
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**12.30 – 14.00      BREAK/Exhibition Viewing/lunchtime events**

**12.45 – 13.30      Events at Congress**

**14.15 – 16:15      Annual General Meeting**

**17.00 to 18.00 Evening events**

**20.00 Congress dinner**

**THURSDAY 25 June**

**9.00 – 9.15 Chair - welcome and test vote, report of Agenda Committee  
Vice Chair – “In the media” session**

**9.15 - 10.45 Debating Session 3 slots**

20	That this meeting of RCN Congress urges Council to lobby for the establishment of an appropriately resourced carers champion in each GP practice and community health centre.	R	Suffolk Branch
21	That this meeting of RCN Congress discusses the impact of membership of the European Union on nursing and health care provision in the UK.	MfD	Lothian Branch
22	EMERGENCY RESOLUTION		

**10.45 – 11.15 BREAK**

**11.15 – 12.15 Debating Session 2 slots**

23	That this meeting of RCN Congress discusses whether the four ‘branches’ of nursing lead to nurses working in silos, or meet the needs of vulnerable patients?	MfD	Children and Young Peoples’ Specialist Care Forum
24	That this meeting of RCN Congress rejects the 2010-2015 UK Government’s premise that unsocial hours payments should be scrapped.	R	South Birmingham Branch

**12.15 – 12.45 Key note**

**12.45 – 14.00 BREAK/Lunchtime events**

**13.00 – 13.45 Events at Congress**

**14.00 – 16:00 Debating Session**

**4 slots**

25	That this meeting of RCN Congress debates the issue of the lack of training for nurses and health care assistants in the field of continence.	<b>MfD</b>	<b>Continence Forum</b>
26	That this meeting of RCN Congress discusses whether nurses have the willingness and ability to harness the power of data to ensure patient and population health needs are met.	<b>MfD</b>	<b>Nursing in Management and Leadership Forum</b>
27	EMERGENCY RESOLUTION		
28	That this meeting of RCN Congress calls on Council to ensure employers take measures to reduce work-related stress by adhering to HSE guidance.	<b>R</b>	<b>Children and Young Peoples Specialist Care Forum</b>

**16.00 – 16.30 – Closing remarks**