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Throughout this reporting period I trust you have all been receiving Janet's weekly Council Update email in which myself, Michael and Rod all now contribute to, should we have items to report on. Therefore my reports to Council for this period onwards will be the highlights of key and important events that I feel summarises the variety and berth of my work during the reporting period.

3 September

I travelled to Chester University to be a key speaker at their student lead conference "Healthy Lives, Healthy Students - Who Looks After You?". My speech focused on the public health issues associated with the physical and mental health of young people and I received extremely positive feedback from the students.

8 October

I took part in the interviews for committee members of the History of Nursing Society. The panel was impressed with the calibre of the candidates who applied to be members of the committee. The Society is play a key role in the RCN's Centenary celebrations.

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I also attended the launch event of "Coaching Inside and Out". This celebration event marked the publication of a book by Clare MacGregor which described the work that she developed with inmates in Styal Women's prison and has grown to work with offenders who have experienced a range of challenges in their lives, especially preventing a return to reoffending. Three former prisoners, including an individual who is serving a life sentence and has been released on licence described the significant difference that coaching has made to their lives. The event was hosted by Lady Grosvenor who has also carried out voluntary work in Styal prison.

29 October

I took part in a teleconference hosted by Fiona Smith, the RCN's Children and Young People's Adviser and a number of members and staff. The focus of our discussion was the Congress 2015 agenda item on Child and Inequalities in Health. The small working group is taking forward the actions on behalf of Council that stem from the debate and vote at Congress.

2 & 6 November

During this I was working with College staff on the RCN's position statement on the new public health funding formula for 2106/17 and in preparing a submission to a House of Commons Select Committee hearing regarding a review of the impact of the public health changes that followed the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

16 November

I attended the annual Haygarth Public Health Lecture at Chester University. This year's speaker was the new Children's Commissioner for England Angela Longfield, and topic was the emotional wellbeing of children. I had the opportunity to meet with her individually to discuss the key roles that nurses can play in promoting good mental health and tackling emotional, behavioural and mental health problems. Also attending the lecture was Dr Paul Harris, Public Health England's Chief Medical Officer. Paul and I had the opportunity to discuss a range of topics including the adverse impact of the cuts in the public health grant to nursing services.

19 November

Along with the President and other members of Council I had the great pleasure of attending the Nurse of the Year Awards for Wales. Our colleagues in Welsh Board organised a great event. Having been a member of the judging panel I know what a difficult choice we had to choose a winner in each category from a very talented and inspirational field of nominees. My congratulations to the winners and all the nominees.