



## RCN Council

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>23 July 2015</b>
<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Report from the Ethics Committee</b>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>For noting</b>
<b>Is a decision required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b>	

1. The Ethics Committee met on 30 April 2015.
2. The meeting focussed on its plans for two events:
  - 2.1 It will be holding a workshop with the Defence Nurses Forum on 5 November Entitled "*Doing the right thing on a difficult day – a workshop to explore professional issues facing defence nurses*". It will be looking at issues including raising concerns in the military, duty of candour, force feeding of prisoners and repatriation.
  - 2.2 The Committee will be holding the first annual meeting of its network on 11 September. Deprivation of Liberty will be the topic of the meeting with presentations from Alexander Ruck Keene, Barrister and Honorary Research Lecturer at the University of Manchester and Toby Williamson, Head of Development & Later Life at the Mental Health Foundation.

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3. The Committee is also working on a narrative and recommendations to be included in the RCN response to the NMC pre-registration and nursing education revalidation pilots and the shape of caring report on what should be taught in terms of ethical training as part of a pre-registration programme. It will include specific examples of how improvements could be made and will link ethics skills and knowledge with the outcomes of the more complex aspects of nursing care, diagnoses and decision making.
4. It was agreed that Sue Warner, Council Member would represent the Committee at the launch of the End of Life Care Project and speak on behalf of the Committee to the first resolution on the use of covert video and audio surveillance and recording in nursing and residential homes. The Committee asked to be involved in the follow-up work on that item.
5. Anne Farenden, lead of the professional work-stream of the Council Review attended the meeting and talked to the Committee about how it felt it could add more value to the decision-making of the College.
6. The next meeting of the Committee is on 6 October 2015.