



## RCN Council

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>23 July 2015</b>
<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Report from the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the RCN Foundation</b>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>Robert Sowney, Chair of the Board of Trustees</b>
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1. I am very pleased to be able to attend the meeting in person in July. The Board of Trustees are very grateful for the very visible support you are giving the Foundation and in particular your generous recognition of the work we are doing at Congress and the AGM.
2. There was real momentum behind the fundraising for the Cavell Challenge and we were delighted that Janet, Tim and David repeated their bike ride for the Foundation. We are looking forward to continuing to work with the President to help her raise the funding for her bursary.
3. The Chair of Council and I are continuing to meet separately and these meetings have, I believe, made a lot of difference to the way the two organisations are working together.
4. Many of you are aware that Helen Carter was taken unwell when on holiday in the Lake District last month. I am particularly grateful for the support the RCN has provided to Helen's family at this incredibly difficult time for them. I am pleased to be able to report that Helen has made a significant improvement in the last few days.

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5. I was pleased to be able to represent the Foundation at Peter's leaving dinner on 8 July.
6. I also want to acknowledge the tremendous support and leadership that Jane Clarke continues to provide to the Foundation. We appointed a new Head in June only to hear a month later that she had taken the decision to take a promotion and remain with her current employer. It is very disappointing to have to start the recruitment process again.
7. We will also be saying goodbye to Moira Lambert at the end of July after an amazing 25 years' service to the RCN.
8. I was at 2015 RCN Congress for 4 days. I hope you had the opportunity to meet some of our bursary recipients and to hear about the difference our support has made to their work. I was also able to use the opportunity to meet a number of potential partners and discuss how we might be able to work together. Our impact report was very well received.
9. I am very pleased to be able to let you know that we had a good quality of applications for the RCN appointed Trustee. We will be interviewing the short-listed applicants very shortly.
10. We are delighted that the public lecture series we are funding has been really well supported and attracted a strong interest from members of the public. The lecture linked to Congress was very well received and we are looking forward to the next lecture in the series in Edinburgh when you are launching the Foundation Scotland Committee.
11. The Trustees are pleased that the RCN has agreed to help us deliver your Nursing & Care Home project. We have a stakeholder event planned at the beginning of October and we are currently looking at a number of project grant applications from partner organisations which we believe will help us to achieve some tangible improvements in the training and development of nursing staff in care homes and in the quality of patient care.
12. The plans for the joint Referral and Assessment Service have now been finalised and we are on schedule to introduce the new partnership on 1 January 2016.
13. Our Income & Generation Committee is currently reviewing the three proposals from the RCN about projects you would like to work with the Foundation on during the Centenary.

Robert Sowney  
Chair of the Board of Trustees, RCN Foundation