

Council

Date of Meeting:	23 April 2015
Title of Paper:	Report back from the Health Practitioners Committee
Appendices:	None
Presented by:	Brenda McIlmurray, Chair
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1. The HP Committee met on 1-2 December 2014.

Care Certificate

2. The first item on our agenda was a presentation from Health Education England on the development of the Care Certificate. We then had a useful discussion on the implications for existing staff of the new certificate.

New HP Membership Definition

3. We then received a presentation on the new HP membership criteria and were pleased to note that everyone already in HP membership prior to 1st January 2015 could remain in membership. However if their membership lapses they will then need to meet the new eligibility criteria to re-join.

Committee Work Plan 2015

4. We discussed and agreed our work plan for 2015.
5. We also discussed the plans for HCAs at Congress 2015 and are giving further thought to how we might better promote the event to HP members and encourage their attendance.

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Committee Annual Report

6. We reviewed the work of the Committee in 2014 and agreed the headline messages for our annual report to Council this year.

Committee Development Day

7. The second day of our meeting was a development day. We spent the morning discussing with the communications team the terminology used in all RCN publications and how it could be more inclusive of HCAs; using This is Nursing as a tool for communications about the role of HCAs; and using the website to ensure nurse members had a better understanding of what HCAs do.
8. We also had a useful discussion about planning an event in the Library and Heritage Centre on the evolving role of HCAs and APs.
9. We also discussed how we could help to highlight the financial position of HCAs as part of the pay campaign and how we might raise awareness of the campaign and gain the support of more HP members.
10. Finally, we ended our meeting with a training session on blogging and will be publishing our first blog on plans for Congress 2015 very soon.

The HP Committee next meets on 13 April 2015.