



## RCN Council

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>23 July 2015</b>
<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Report Back from the Health Practitioner Committee</b>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>Brenda McIlmurray, Chair</b>
<b>Is a decision required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b>	

1. The HP Committee met on 13 April 2015.

### **Shift Learning: Presentation of Research Findings**

2. The first item on our agenda was a presentation on the findings of the research commissioned by the RCN into the HP market. This will inform the RCN's new HP marketing campaign.

### **Care Certificate and First Steps**

3. We also received presentations on the key aspects of the Care Certificate that was launched in March 2015 and on the impact evaluation that had taken place of the First Steps resource.

### **Arrangements for Congress 2015**

4. We spent a significant part of our meeting discussing arrangements for Congress 2015 and have agreed that our priority is to increase the visibility of HP members through contributing to debates in the main hall and attending relevant fringe events.
5. We also reviewed a draft list of agenda items, fringe events and exhibition stand seminars of particular relevance to HP members that will be used to promote the benefits of Congress to members and their employers.

### **Increasing HP Membership of the Ophthalmic Nursing Forum**

6. We discussed with the Chair of the Ophthalmic Nursing Forum ways to increase HP membership of the forum and considered how the Committee might work with forums more generally to increase their HP membership.

### **Arrangements for the RCN's Centenary**

7. We received an update on the arrangements being made to mark the RCN's centenary and suggested ways to engage HP members in the celebrations.

### **Update on the Care Home Sector**

8. We received an update on the care home sector and have agreed that the Committee should be involved in the work going on in this area.

### **Committee Work Plan**

9. We reviewed and updated the Committee work plan.

### **Other Items**

10. We received a presentation on the findings of the Shape of Caring Review.
11. The Committee also discussed its response to the current Council consultations.
12. Finally, we noted reports from the Chair, Health Care Assistant Adviser and country/ regional reports from Committee members as well as the report to NPPC/MRC on progress on Congress 2014 agenda items.

**The HP Committee next meets on 27 August 2015.**