



RCN Council

Date of meeting:	23 July 2015
Title of Paper:	Fifth Report of the RCN Retired Members Network for the period April 2015 to July 2015
Appendices:	N/A
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Is a decision required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Council have received four previous reports from the RCN Retired Members Network (hereinafter called the *network*), in April, July & November of 2014 and in April 2015.

This, our fourth report, covers the period April 2015 to July 2015 and is divided into three sections:

- 1. Communications; *Network* Updates, webpage & elections**
- 2. 2015 Pensioners Parliament**
- 3. Second *Network* Accountability Report:** presented to *Network* fringe at RCN Congress 2015

1. Communications; *Network* Updates, webpage & elections

***Network* Updates;** we have published, to date, **115 Update in 2015** (45 since our last Report to Council), a full index is available, as are copies of the individual Updates. Topics include;

- a) NPC issues; meetings of BDC, Parliament, National Council, Executive Committee, working parties and regional groups
- b) NPC publications; "Campaign" & "The Message"

- c) pension reforms, new rulings on lifetime survivors, GMP
- d) Northern Ireland consultation on age discrimination,
- e) Taxation proposals for low paid (CIOT)
- f) Briefings on: the summer budget, welfare reform, Queens speech, new Pensions Minister (and correspondence),
- g) House of Commons briefings on: obesity and age; pensions, National Insurance, increases in SPA (& Altman review by 2017), carers rights & benefits
- h) RCN issues: Older Peoples Forum, NMC revalidation, Congress,
- i) DWP: Later Life Newsletters
- j) World Elder Abuse Day (15/6/15)
- k) 2016 Political timetable for devolved elections in Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland, local elections in England, GLA, Police & Crime Commissioners
- l) Plans for Older Peoples Day on 1 October 2016
- m) Heat wave Plan
- n) Integration of Health & Social care
- o) Proposals for affiliation to PSPC
- p) Equality Diversity & Human Rights/Diversity Champions
- q) Retired peoples organisations
- r) Transport issues for older People
- s) International Longevity Centre (ILC-UK)
- t) Teleconference outcomes
- u) Care Act - developments

Network Webpage: is regularly updated, the *network* reports on NPC Pensioners Parliament; *Network* fringe at RCN Congress and Other key issue will be on RCN *network* web pages by the time of the July Council meeting.

Network elections: in a teleconference on 1 July the new streamlined timetable for elections for 2016/18 was outlined (the one controversial issue was a proposed name change for the network – see below).

2. 2015 Pensioners Parliament

Dr Joyce Forge and Trevor Peel attended, on behalf of the *network*, a full report will be on the RCN *network* web pages by the time of the July Council meeting.

Key speakers included: **Paul Nowak**, TUC Assistant General Secretary; **Dr Brenda Boardman**, Environmental Change Institute; **Carla Cantone**, CGIL-SPI, Secretary General (Council for Italian workers), **Dave Ward** (CWU General Secretary) & **Professor Christina Beatty** (Sheffield Hallam University)

3. *Network* Second *Network* Accountability Report

Our accountability report was presented to our *Network* fringe at RCN Congress 2015 on Tuesday 23 June. Michael Brown, Chair of RCN Council

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kindly took the Chair and Dot Gibson, NPC General Secretary, spoke alongside Cate Woolley-Brown & Trevor Peel.

Rod Thompson, RCN Deputy President attended the fringe meeting.

The Network Second Network Accountability Report has been widely circulated, and will be on the RCN *network* web pages by the time of the July Council meeting. Copies of the report are available please email Trevor Peel.

We are grateful to Michael and Rod for taking the time during a hectic Congress week, to spend time with *network* colleagues.

Trevor Peel, on behalf of Cate Woolley-Brown, Jackie Burns, Dr Joyce Forge, Kate Fitzsimmons.