



## RCN Council

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>23 July 2015</b>
<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Report back from Students Committee</b>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>Brendan Garry</b>
<b>Is a decision required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b>	

1. The Students Committee met on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

### Shape of Caring review

2. The first item on the agenda was a presentation on the recommendations in the Shape of Caring report commissioned by Health Education England.
3. We discussed as a Committee which of the recommendations we agreed with and why; which of the recommendations we had concerns about and why and what we saw as the opportunities for the student committee and the wider RCN?
4. The Head of Education will be reflecting our discussion in the RCN response to the report and its recommendations.

### **Project to Scope the Clinical Skills Currently Taught as Part of All Pre-Registration Programmes in the UK**

5. We discussed the clinical skills survey that we are developing for nursing students to complete at Congress.
6. We hope the survey will help us to compare what skills nursing students believe they need with those they have on completing their training.
7. Our findings will inform the RCN response to the shape of caring report.

### **Role of Member Support Services**

8. We confirmed that we were happy for sponsorship to be sought to update and reprint the MoneySmart guide for student nurses.

### **Review of the Student Information Officer role**

9. The committee discussed the new process for recruiting Student Information officers and how they should work with the members of the Committee and the relevant staff lead.
10. We noted that the staff leads were working together to ensure that the new ways of working were rolled out consistently across the UK.

### **RCN relationship with the National Union of Students**

11. The committee received a report from members Grant Byrne and Rhys Mood on the NUS National Conference in Liverpool and the fringe event that they had taken part in.
12. We noted that the NUS would also be taking part in the Student Programme at RCN Congress.

### **Planning for Congress 2015**

13. We confirmed the final arrangements for the student programme at Congress and agreed to submit two emergency items for consideration by Agenda Committee when it met on 18 July.

### **Arrangements for RCN'S Centenary**

14. The committee had a presentation on the plans for RCN's Centenary celebration and we were encouraged to get involved in the celebration.

### **RCN engagement with the European Nursing Student Association (ENSA)**

15. Grant Byrne took us through his report on the 2014 European Nursing Student Association's conference in Dublin.

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16. The committee agreed to ask the International Committee to consider whether the RCN would be willing to host the 2015 ENSA conference which is due to be held in London.

### **Committee work-plan and priorities 2016**

17. We discussed and agreed how we would work in future to enable us to take forward our work-plan between meetings.

### **Country/Regional updates**

18. Country and regional updates were received and noted by members of the Students Committee.

**The committee next meets on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**