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Council

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Presented by:	Deepa Korea, Head of RCN Foundation
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New Head of Foundation

I am pleased to say that the new Head of Foundation, Deepa Korea, joined on 7 March. She is busy getting to know the Foundation and the RCN, and meeting a wide range of RCN staff as part of her induction. Deepa is present at the Council meeting today.

Centenary Events

I have had the pleasure of representing the Foundation at a number of the centenary events so far this year including the RCN's Centenary Parliamentary Reception and the RCN Welsh Board Celebratory Dinner.

Amalgamation of Funds

The Charity Commission have agreed to support a Scheme to enable us to merge a number of our funds. A paper will be coming to your next meeting with the details for your approval.

Lamplight Support Service

The new Lamplight Support Service went live on 1 March, In February, 79 people were assessed using the new assessment model. From the data collected by the service, we know that the average estimated increase in the income of an individual who has gone through the assessment process is £2,683 per year, before any grants are made. This is a really positive indication of the difference we will be able to make by working together.

Awards Ceremony at Congress

We are very pleased that the RCN Foundation Awards will once again be taking place on the opening night at Congress. A number of individual recipients who have completed their projects have been selected to receive an award. This year, for the first time, there will be an award for best fundraiser and best project.

Centenary Projects

Three of the exciting centenary projects the Foundation agreed to fund are underway namely the bursaries for student nurses to attend the International Centenary Conference, the education resource for schools and the '100 nursing secrets' project. Unfortunately it has not been possible for the RCN to take forward the touring exhibition.

Fundraising Initiatives

A number of great fundraising initiatives are either underway or in the planning place, many with a centenary theme. These include:

- RCN Walk 100: this 1,500 mile walk, with groups of staff walking various stages across the country, kicked off on 4 April in Exeter. It is great that many of the staff are raising funds for the Foundation again.
- President's Charity: Cecilia Amin continues her sterling efforts to raise £5,000 to establish a bursary for nurses working in humanitarian situations or fragile states. We will be discussing potential projects with Cecilia in May.
- Nurses Day: the RCN will be setting up 2 marquees in Cavendish Square to raise the profile of the College. As part of this process, the Foundation will have a stand in the Square and undertake fundraising
- West Highland Way Walk: this arduous walk will be taking place in September, with the Chair of Council and the Chair of Congress both taking part. The aim is to have 100 participants and the overall fundraising target for the walk is £50,000

Robert Sowney
Chair, RCN Foundation