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## Council

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>08 December 2016</b>
<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Report from the Nursing Practice and Policy Committee (NPPC)</b>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>Professor Janet Marsden, FRCN, Joint Chair</b>
<b>Is a decision required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b>	

1. NPPC met on 3 November 2016.

### Developing the Royal College function across the UK

2. The first item on our agenda was a presentation on the external factors shaping nursing.
3. We voiced our ambitions for the College as nursing's professional body and discussed the Nursing Practice and Policy Directorate plan for 2017.
4. This is a separate item on your agenda today. It will also be key item on the agenda for our development session in January when we will be spending time discussing our strategy and working together to flesh out our plan.

### Credentialing and Clinical Fellowships

5. We were updated on work relating to credentialing and clinical fellowships which we agreed should be renamed to avoid any confusion with the current RCN Fellowships.

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6. The new credentialing programme has now been launched and will be piloted by a group of nurses qualified in advanced practice this year before being rolled out further next year.
7. The purpose is to provide nurses working at an advanced level of practice with much-needed recognition for their education, experience and competence which will enhance their career prospects.

### **Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)**

8. We were briefed on RCN involvement to date in the plans for every health and care system in England to produce a multi-year STP showing how local services will evolve and become sustainable over the next five years.
9. We discussed our concerns about the plans and how the RCN should engage with this agenda.

### **Potential Implications of the Development of the Physician Associate Role**

10. We discussed the potential implications for nurses and nursing of the development of the physician associate role and agreed that it would not be appropriate for the College to comment on a medical role.
11. We have, however, asked that the RCN keeps a watching brief on developments in this area.

### **Health Education England (HEE) Nursing Associates**

12. Following the leak of the proposed curriculum for nursing associates the week before the meeting, we added a late item to our agenda to discuss the RCN position.

### **Independent Sector/ Nursing in Care Homes**

13. We then received a presentation on why nursing in care homes was a priority for the RCN and the work to date to define a professional offer specifically aimed at the independent sector/ nurses in care homes to promote this as a career choice for the future.

### **Health Visiting Workforce in England – Update**

14. We received an update on activity related to health visitors and discussed the impact of potential changes to public health funding. We also identified opportunities for further work in this area.

### **Integrating Health and Social Care: Lessons for Nursing from Across the UK**

15. We received an update on the development of a new UK publication on integration and discussed the key themes arising from the consultation events to shape the final document.

### **Council Review: Committee Terms of Reference and Role Descriptors**

16. We reviewed and commented on the draft Royal College Committee terms of reference and role descriptor which have been fed into the report to this meeting of Council.
17. In particular we supported the view that we should find an alternative name for the new committee.

### **Interim Report to Members on Congress 2016**

18. We discussed and approved the first interim report to members on work arising from Congress 2016 for publication on the RCN website.

### **Collection Management Policies**

19. We discussed and approved the draft RCN Library and Archive Services Collection Management Policy and the RCN Special Collections and Archive Collection Management Policy.

### **Updates to the Committee**

20. We received reports back from meetings of the Forums Governance Group (14 September), the Forum Chairs Committee (16 September), the Students Committee (23 September), the Health Practitioners Committee (25 August) and the Membership and Representation Committee the previous day.
21. We also received an update on the work of the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP).

**The Committee next meets on 9 March 2017.**

**There is a Committee induction/ development session on 26 January 2017.**