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Date of Meeting:	08 December 2016
Title of Paper:	Report from the Fellows Co-ordinating Committee
Appendices:	None
Presented by:	Jane Denton, Fellows Convenor
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1. The Fellows Co-ordinating Committee met on 3 October 2016.

Convenor's Report

2. I started the meeting with an update on the projects where I have represented the Fellows including the work of the Centenary Programme Board.
3. We also discussed the International Centenary Conference and how to promote this amongst our networks and later on in the meeting we received a briefing on the Celebrating Nursing Practice project.
4. I also reported on the follow up from the Fellows Older Persons Summit chaired by Professor Wilf McSherry.

Update on the Work of the RCN Foundation

5. We received a presentation on the work of the RCN Foundation and discussed how the Fellows could become more involved with their work by acting as mentors to support applicants seeking funding.

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6. We also discussed organising a joint fringe event with the RCN Foundation for Congress 2017 on nursing in care homes.

Fellows 40th Anniversary Tea and Public Lecture

7. We were delighted by the success of the Fellows 40th anniversary tea and public lecture on the ageing population challenge and have agreed that we would like to organise another public lecture in 2017.
8. We are hoping to organise this for November to coincide with the full Fellows meeting again.

Congress 2016 and 2017

9. We reviewed the arrangements for Fellows at Congress 2016 and the joint Fellows/ HP Committee fringe event on 'the role of health care support workers in the nursing team'.
10. We will be continuing to offer support to the HP Committee as an outcome of that event.
11. For Congress 2017, we have asked that consideration be given to organising a professional lecture (much like the John Goodlad lecture) to showcase the professional work of the College.

Credentialing and Fellowships

12. We were briefed on the RCN credentialing programme to enable nurses to gain recognition for their skills working at an advanced level of practice and have asked for consideration to be given to publishing the register on the website of those who meet the RCN criteria.
13. We also discussed the proposals for Clinical Fellowships and, while we support these, we feel strongly that they should not be called 'Clinical Fellowships' to avoid any confusion with the awards given to RCN Fellows currently.
14. I gave an update on work underway to review the criteria and process for the awarding of current Fellowships and a paper will be presented to the Awards Committee before being discussed by Council in December.

Arrangements for the Full Fellows Meeting on 18 January 2017

15. We discussed the agenda for the full Fellows meeting taking place on 18 January 2017.

Other Items

16. We discussed content ideas for the next issue of the Fellows newsletter which we hope to circulate in November.

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17. We agreed the timeline and process for the election of the new Fellows Convenor and a new member of the Co-ordinating Committee.
18. We have also agreed that we will look at publishing biographies for all Fellows on the RCN website during 2017.

There is a meeting of all Fellows taking place on 18 January 2017.

The Committee next meets on 31 January 2017.