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## Council

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>08 December 2016</b>
<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Report from the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the RCN Foundation</b>
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>Deepa Korea, Head of RCN Foundation</b>
<b>Is a decision required? No</b>	

### West Highland Way

Seventeen participants took part in the West Highland Way Walk, which covered 96 miles over 5 days, through some challenging terrain. A number of participants were members of Council. The total from the event was £12,480. I am very grateful indeed for the support we have received from Council members with regard to their fundraising efforts for the Foundation. We are currently planning our fundraising programme for 2017 and will communicate this with Council when it is ready.

### RCN Walk 100

The RCN Walk 100, a 1500 mile walk across the UK, taking in every RCN office, has now come to an end. The walk was undertaken primarily by RCN staff, although some Council members also took part. The walk ended in Belfast on 21 October and was marked with an excellent end of walk celebration attended by Council members, members of the Executive Team and RCN staff, and which I was also able to attend. I would like to thank, in particular, staff of the RCN who organised the walk, and also those who took part across the country.

### **Care Homes projects**

The Foundation issued two separate calls for expressions of interest to deliver a project on nursing in care homes, one focussed on Scotland and a second nationally. The Scottish care homes project received five expressions of interest. Applications will be evaluated and assessed over the coming weeks. The call for expressions of interest for a national care homes project closed in early December.

### **Changes to the Foundation's Committee Structure**

A process of streamlining the Foundation's Committee structure began in April 2016. The purpose was to amalgamate some of our Committees in order to establish a more effective and efficient Committee structure. One key change was to merge our Investment Committee with our Income Generation Committee, and our Benevolent Fund Committee with our Grants Committee. The new Committees met for the first time in October and November. The meetings were productive, and provided Committee members with a more holistic picture of the Foundation's activities in these areas.

### **Streamlining the Foundation's grants process**

As part of the exercise of changing the way in which we work to ensure that we meet the ever growing education needs of the nursing community, the Foundation began a process of streamlining its grant-giving processes. This work will continue into 2017, but we have made some good progress in ensuring that we alleviate some of the current administrative burden related to administering this process. We will also be ensuring that there is a greater focus on outcomes from the work that is funded.

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**Chair, RCN Foundation**