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## Council

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>21 July 2016</b>
<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Report back from the Deputy President</b>
<b>Appendices:</b>	
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>Professor Rod Thomson FRCN</b>
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1. It's been a busy three months since my last report to council, particularly as our Centenary Celebrations have increased in the run up to Congress. In addition to council meetings, my role as a member of the Council Executive Team, Business Committee, Governance Support Committee and the NPPC, there have been a range of other RCN activities that have been part of my role as Deputy President.
2. As part of the Review of Council I have visited the Welsh, West Midlands and North West Boards to discuss the recommendations of the Independent Review Group and listen to the feedback from Board members. In addition I contributed to the presentations being made regarding devolution in England, sharing my experience as a senior officer in two local authorities.
3. As part of the RCN Centenary Celebrations I had the good fortune to be invited to several events across the country. These included the Florence Nightingale commemoration service at Derby Cathedral; two events organised by RCN members in Birmingham on Nurses Day and the two events organised by RCN members in Cambridgeshire. All

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these events were well organised and supported by our members.

4. I've also been working with RCN officers on a range of topics regarding child health inequalities, rural health, school nursing and health visiting and funding for public health services. Some of this work contributed to the Council Report at Congress in June. On behalf of the RCN I attended a seminar in Amsterdam that explored the global future of nursing. The seminar was organised by Sigma Theta Tau a U.S. based international charitable organisation which focuses on promoting nursing scholarship.
5. RCN Congress was of course a busy time for all the members of Council. As well as our regular duties I had the pleasure of hosting the welcome sessions on two days for nursing students. I also visited Leverndale Hospital with two RCN members to learn about the developments in mental health care in the city. I also represented our President at the Church service hosted by the University of Glasgow. The multi-faith service also included beautiful singing by the university choir. The RCN was presented with a silver Quaich (a Celtic Cup of Friendship) engraved with the University crest in recognition of our Centenary celebrations.