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## Council

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>21 July 2016</b>
<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Report from the RCN Foundation</b>
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>Robert Sowney, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the RCN Foundation</b>
<b>Is a decision required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b>	

### 1. Congress

The Foundation had a successful Congress and its profile continues to be raised at this event. Our Impact Award Dinner was well attended and is now a key event in the Congress calendar. We were delighted with the warm and positive response to the Foundation by many of the thousands of members who attended. Many visited our stand to find out more about our work and also contributed to the various fundraising activities that took place.

### 2. Strategy Review

The Foundation has begun the process of refreshing its strategy. Over the next few months, Trustees and staff will be discussing and formulating the charity's new priorities for the next few years. Further information about these priorities will be available later in the year.

### 3. RCN Group

We are looking forward to working with the RCN and RCNi to strengthen our identity and purpose as a Group. We believe that this will bring opportunities for all three members of the Group and that the Foundation will be able to make a constructive contribution to the Group.

### **4. RCN Foundation Funded Projects**

We continue to support a number of projects that aim to support nursing and improve patient care. These include:

- RCN Centenary Projects
- RCN Public Lecture Series
- Healthy Weight Initiative project being delivered by C3 Collaborating for Health and London South Bank University
- Impact Foundation project to support training of nurses in Bangladesh

The Foundation will also be launching two calls for proposals in the next few months to undertake projects with a care homes focus, one nationally and a second in Scotland.

The Foundation is also setting up a Wales Committee to help raise its profile across Wales, and will be undertaking a project in Wales in partnership with the office of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales. There are similar plans to set up a committee in Northern Ireland.

### **5. Amalgamation of Funds**

At the last meeting of Council, we informed you that the Charity Commission had agreed to support a Scheme to enable us to merge a number of our funds. The revised wording for the Foundation's objects that will enable this to proceed is currently being finalised. We hope you will agree to approve the changes being proposed by the Charity Commission by email.

### **6. Fundraising**

I am very pleased that the Foundation has been the recipient of a number of fundraising events and initiatives. These include collections at the RCNi Awards Dinner, the Nurse of the Year Awards Ceremony in Northern Ireland and at Congress. We were also honoured to have been selected as one of the charities to benefit from fundraising undertaken following the sad death of Dominic Walsh.

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Finally, the launch of the West Highland Way Fundraising Walk in aid of the RCN Foundation took place at Congress. I would like to thank the RCN Chair and the Chair of Congress for their unstinting support in helping us to get this initiative off the ground.

Robert Sowney

Chair, RCN Foundation

