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Title of Paper:	Report Back From the Students Committee
Appendices:	None
Presented by:	Sylvia Duval, Chair
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1. The Students Committee met on 26 May 2016.

Apprenticeship Targets for Public Sector Bodies

2. We discussed the implications for nursing students of the proposals from the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills and the Department for Education on public sector apprenticeship targets.

Student Bursary Consultation Update

3. We noted progress with the preparation of the RCN response to the government's plans to reform healthcare education funding and the various activity the Committee had taken part in since the last meeting including the Parliamentary Lobby the previous day.

Newly Registered Nurse Book

4. We noted the chapter headings for and offered assistance with the review of the RCN newly registered nurse book titled "Becoming a Registered Nurse".
5. The book is aimed at final year student nurses and beginning of first post registered nurses as well as nurses registering in the UK for the first time and registrants returning to the register.

Student Information Officer Project

6. We discussed the West Midlands SIO Development Programme and we agreed to feed in comments on how the programme would need to be amended for SIOs in the other countries/ regions.
7. We also discussed student and SIO attendance at Congress 2016 and how to get SIOs more involved in the students programme.

Practice Based Learning Summit

8. We noted plans to progress the outcomes of the practice based education summit the RCN hosted in April 2016.

Student Skills Survey

9. The Committee discussed the outcomes of the student skills survey and agreed to assist with the writing up of the survey findings which would be fed into the NMC's work on standards.

Congress 2016

10. We finalised the plans for the students programme at Congress this year and discussed the presentation of the agenda item the Committee would be proposing on student bursaries.

Council Review

11. We received a presentation on the Council review and its key findings and will be encouraging as many students as possible to respond. We have also submitted a collective Committee response.

Country/ Regional Updates

12. We noted country and regional updates from Committee members.

The Committee next meets on 23 September 2016.