



## RCN Council

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>05 April 2017</b>
<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Report of the Health Practitioners Committee</b>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>Brian Murphy, Chair</b>
<b>Is a decision required? No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b>	

1. The HP Committee met on 22 March 2017.

### **The Changing Shape of the Nursing Workforce**

2. We began our meeting by receiving an update on the introduction of the Nursing Associate role and the discussion surrounding how it fits with the current Assistant Practitioner role. We will be continuing to push for the NMC to regulate the AP role as well as the NA role.
3. We also discussed and will be providing feedback on the draft RCN position statement on nursing degree apprenticeships.

### **Valuing Reps Project**

4. We then received an update on the development of the Value of RCN Reps Framework for Action and provided feedback on the framework.
5. We also suggested ways the RCN might be able to recruit more HP reps.

### **Review of the HP Recruitment Target**

6. Following the request from the previous Committee Chair, we reviewed the current HP recruitment target and agreed that no change was necessary.

## **Agenda Item 8.4**

7. Instead, we feel that there is a need to better promote the RCN's offer to HCAs and ensure as many HCAs as possible are aware that they can become members.
8. We also feel that there is a pressing need to look at how we retain HP members once they have joined and we will be discussing this further at our next meeting.

### **Congress 2017**

9. We discussed final arrangements for Congress and will be reviewing the full list of agenda items and fringe events to see where we can usefully input.
10. We also agreed the set-up of our stand and the publications required and we have drafted our Committee voting rota.

### **Committee Work Streams**

11. After lunch, we split into three groups to spend some time discussing particular Committee work streams.
12. We considered content ideas for the Health+Care magazine, how to improve the RCN's professional offer to HCAs, and Committee priorities/ planning for future meetings. We will be bringing back suggestions in all of these areas.

**After Congress, the Committee next meets on 6 July 2017.**