



## RCN Council

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>05 April 2017</b>
<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Report from the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the RCN Foundation</b>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>Deepa Korea, Head of RCN Foundation</b>
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### 1 Care Homes

- 1.1 Council will be aware from my previous report that the Foundation had made two separate calls for projects which sought to support nursing in a care home setting, one to undertake a project in Scotland, and the second for a project from across the UK. I am pleased to say that two projects have been provisionally selected to receive funding in Scotland. A verbal update will be provided by the Head of Foundation at the meeting. The UK-wide call received nearly 90 expressions of interest. We will be undertaking the selection process during the summer.

### 2 South Downs Challenge

- 2.1 Following the enthusiastic response from Council to the West Highland Way Walk challenge in 2016, the Foundation has organised another similar mass participation event. The South Coast Challenge will take place on 26–27 August in aid of the Foundation. This challenge encompasses the Coastal Path and South Downs Way, taking in some stunning views along the way. The full challenge covers 100km, but there are options to walk half and quarter challenges too, making it a more flexible event suitable for different levels of fitness. A number of Council members have signed up to take part and we would welcome others joining the team.

### **3 Wales Committee**

- 3.1 The Foundation's newly established Wales Committee was officially launched at the RCN Wales Leadership Summit in Cardiff, held in March. The Committee was launched by Professor Jean White, Chief Nursing Officer for Wales. Denise Llewellyn, a former Executive Nurse Director in Wales, has been appointed as a Trustee of the Foundation and the Committee's first Chair.

### **4 Strategy development**

- 4.1 The Foundation will be developing its new strategy and priorities during the course of the year. The strategy will align with the broader Group strategy being developed this year. As part of this process we hope to consult with a wide range of key stakeholder about what they feel are the key issues currently facing nursing. We hope to begin this process in May.

### **5 RCN Centenary Projects**

- 5.1 As Council will be aware, the Foundation funded a number of projects in 2016 to mark the centenary of the RCN. Some of these projects continue to be delivered in 2017 and we are pleased to report that very good progress is being made on these projects. Projects include:

5.1.1 Funding a number of students to attend the International Centenary Conference in November 2016 – feedback from students has been extremely positive, with many expressing gratitude for being given the opportunity to attend the event. A number of students also fed back that they would be seeking other ways to become involved with the RCN, including applying to become a Student Officer and to attend Congress.

5.1.2 Schools Learning Resource – this project funded the development of a learning resource tool and 100 facilitated sessions for children at Key Stage 3 of the National Curriculum (11 to 14 years old) to explain the role of nurses, midwives and HCAs. The learning resource tool is in the form of a set of cards, one of which highlights containing key information about the RCN which can be used by teachers and youth group leaders.

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- 5.1.3 Celebrating Nursing Practice – this project seeks to highlight and publicise innovation and excellent practise. Around 100 applications for support were reviewed and a number shortlisted to receive mentorship support to develop their ideas further.
- 5.2 The Foundation is pleased to have been able to support these projects, which positively promote nursing.

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