



RCN Council

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Title of Paper:	Report from the Students Committee
Appendices:	None
Presented by:	Sue Warner, NPPC Chair
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1. The Students Committee met on 28 February 2017.
2. We also had an induction/ development day on 17 January 2017.

Student Membership Research Findings

3. We started the meeting with a presentation on the findings of the research into what RCN members want. We were particularly interested to hear the views of the student membership and discussed how the RCN might respond to the findings.

The Changing Nursing Workforce, the Priorities for the Students Committee and What the RCN Offer to Students Should Look Like

4. We then spent some time discussing the changing nursing workforce and the impact of the fall in university nursing applications across the UK.
5. Our discussion was informed by the feedback presented by Committee members from the various NMC/ HEE/ parliamentary meetings and events they had represented the RCN at since our previous meeting.
6. We also had an initial discussion the RCN's strategy for feeding into the NMC consultation on the new pre-registration standards and this will be on our April agenda for more detailed consideration.

RCN Services for Student Members

7. After lunch, we discussed when the RCN provides representation to student members and the circumstances when it would ask the Student Union Advice Centre to do so.
8. We welcome the work the Member Representation and Support Programme Board are undertaking to produce a guidance note setting out the level of service the RCN provides and who is responsible for this.

Working with the National Union of Students (NUS)

9. We agreed we would attend the NUS UK Conference 2017 in April and the NUS Scotland Conference 2017 this month.

Congress 2017

10. We finalised arrangements for Congress 2017 and the students programme.
11. We also discussed possible emergency items to submit.

Networking with Other European Nursing Students

12. We received feedback from the European Nursing Student Association (ENSA) AGM in October 2016 that was attended by Emillie Miller and it was agreed that a member of the Committee will continue to attend the annual meetings and report back to the Committee.
13. We agreed, however, not to apply for formal membership of ENSA for the time being and to await the outcome of the wider review the International Committee is undertaking this year of the RCN's international and European strategic alliances.

The Students Committee next meets on 10 April 2017.