

Professional Nursing Committee Report to Members – March 2019

1. The Professional Nursing Committee met on 21 March 2019.
2. We had one new member at that meeting – Mary Codling from the South East region.
3. Dawn Cooper has stood down as the member of the Committee for the South West.
4. Rachel Hollis was elected unopposed as Vice Chair of the Committee.

Committee Work Programme

5. We reviewed a first draft of our work programme for 2019 and will be finalising this at our next meeting.

Working with the RCN Foundation

6. The Head of the RCN Foundation was welcomed to our meeting. She briefed us on the Foundation's priorities for the coming year and we will be inviting Deepa back to a future PNC meeting to further explore the opportunities for joint working as a number of the Foundation's key work streams align with ours.

Congress 2019

7. We discussed how the Congress agenda is agreed and requested a high level summary of all the items submitted and the themes of those items not accepted on to the agenda.
8. A teleconference is to be organised to finalise the Committee's arrangements at Congress and in particular our fringe.

Nursing Career Pathway Online Resource

9. We received an overview of the RCN/ Health Education England project to develop a web-based nursing career pathway resource and will be testing and feeding back our comments on the resource over the coming weeks.

Community Workforce Programme

10. The Committee received an update on the Community Workforce Programme and provided a steer regarding prioritisation of the different work streams.
11. We also highlighted some of the key issues surrounding general practice nursing and district/community nursing to be fed into the project.

Safe and Effective Care Campaign

12. We were updated on the UK Safe and Effective Care Campaign and agreed that Denise Llewellyn will Chair the Oversight and Scrutiny Committee and Jacky Price will be our second member on the Committee.
13. The Committee was briefed on the RCN's use of the existing evidence base and the generation of new evidence relating to staffing for safe and effective care in the UK.
14. We were also updated on the England campaign.

RCN Termination of Pregnancy Project 2018/19 Phase 2

15. The work that has taken place on the Termination of Pregnancy project since the last meeting was reported and the Committee endorsed the ongoing programme of work.

Working with the Learning Representatives Committee

16. We welcomed Paul Brown, Chair of the Learning Representatives Committee to our meeting and identified a number of areas for joint working in the year ahead.

Clinically-Led Review of NHS Access Standards – Interim Report

17. The Committee was briefed on the interim report from the NHS National Medical Director on the clinical review of standards across the NHS and have agreed in principle the RCN position statement drafted by the Emergency Care Association.

The Office of Students and Registration of our Degree Awarding Powers

18. We discussed the current challenge the RCN is facing to register with the Office of Students and we will be discussing the next steps at our meeting in June as part of a wider discussion on our future education strategy.

Any Other Business

19. The Committee asked for an analysis of the current key legislative issues across all four countries to be presented to each meeting and we will be feeding into the RCN written submission to the NHS Long Term Plan legislative proposals inquiry.
20. We received a report on the lessons learnt from the RCN's unsuccessful bid to provide a quality assurance service for the NMC provision of education and related services.

The Committee next meets on 21 June 2019.

Committee Membership

Simon Browes (East Midlands – CHAIR)
Rachel Hollis (Yorkshire and the Humber – VICE CHAIR)
Mary Codling (South East)
Theresa Connor (Scotland)
Tracie Culpitt (Health Practitioner)
Julie Green (West Midlands)
Denise Llewellyn (Wales)
Lucy Mason (Student – By Telephone)
Jacky Price (Eastern)
Sally Young (North West)
Mary Wells (London)

Apologies were received from Claire McGuigan (Northern Ireland)

Paul Brown, Chair of the Learning Representatives Committee, was in attendance for the full meeting.

Sue Warner, Chair of Council, and Anne Marie Rafferty, President, attended in part.

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