

**International Committee – summary report of the meeting held on
19 September 2018**

1. The Committee met on 19 September 2018.
2. It was noted that it was Kath McCourt's last meeting as Chair and the Committee expressed its grateful thanks to her.

Committee terms of reference and ways of working

3. The Committee continued its previous discussions on the name of, and terms of reference for, the Committee.
4. A number of changes were proposed and it was agreed to amend the draft in preparation for consideration by Governance Support Committee and then approval by Council in November.
5. It was also decided to prepare a short report following each meeting and make this available to the wider membership in order to increase engagement with the College's international work,

Work plan and priorities

6. The Committee reviewed work arising from Congress 2018. It identified the items which had an international dimension and assigned leads from amongst the Committee members to support the lead Council committee.
7. The Committee was updated on the University of Sheffield work programme which included plans for research on international recruitment and selection. It was agreed to keep the committee updated on this work.
8. The Joint King's/RCN conference on the UK's global contribution to nursing was discussed and it was agreed to put together a skeleton programme at a teleconference in October.

International alliance and relationships

9. It was noted that the Forums Governance Group had been asked to provide the Committee with details of the subscriptions to international organisations they funded.

10. The criteria for assessing the benefits of developing a particular alliance were discussed and it was agreed to share these with the Committee.
11. A RAG rating to enable analysis of the risks of continuing or withdrawing from each alliance was proposed and it was agreed to prepare this for the next meeting.
12. It was also agreed that a full report would be developed by April 2019 on RCN work internationally and within Europe (via alliances) (including costings) to demonstrate to the membership the range of international activity.
13. It was agreed to update the publication "RCN position on international recruitment" given that it had been last published in June 2015.
14. The Committee also agreed to develop principles and criteria for the RCN to hold UK Government and governments to account for behaviour and action regarding ethical recruitment.
15. A proposal from the RCN Students Committee to join the Global Association of Student and Novice Nurses (GASNN) was discussed and the Committee agreed that the RCN should become a voting nation member of GASNN.