The Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom

Procedure for the RCN UK Nursing Support Workers Committee election

For terms of office 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024

1. **Introduction**

   The following seats on the RCN UK Nursing Support Workers Committee are due for election for four year terms of office:

   - Northern Ireland
   - North West
   - Scotland
   - South West
   - Wales
   - Yorkshire & the Humber

   A role descriptor and terms of reference for the committee are available on the RCN website.

2. **Who can stand for election?**

   Any member wishing to stand for election must:

   a. be paying a full payment plan in the nursing support worker category of membership
   b. have their workplace (or, in the case of retired members, their branch) located in the country or region for which they are standing
   c. have been a current member of the RCN for at least three consecutive years immediately prior to the closing date for nominations
   d. meet the requirements of the [RCN Regulation on Terms of Office](#) in relation to any previous terms served
   e. not have held a permanent salaried contract of employment or a fixed term/zero hours contract for longer than six months with the RCN during the two years prior to the election period*
   f. not hold office in any organisation which competes with the RCN for members or which, in the opinion of Council, propounds policies which are in conflict with the main objects of the RCN's Royal Charter and its overall philosophies
   g. declare their ability and willingness, if elected, to fulfil the role and commitments as set out in the role description and to adhere to all RCN policies
   h. have discussed and agreed with the RCN in advance of submitting their nomination any special requirements they may have to enable them to fulfil the commitments of the office
   i. not hold a position on an RCN committee where there may be a conflict (advice on this can be sought from the RCN Group Secretary on request)
   j. declare if they are subject to ongoing disciplinary proceedings at work or have been subject to an NMC caution order if they have previously practised as a registered nurse
k. declare if they are subject to ongoing disciplinary proceedings in respect of
any role they hold at the RCN
l. declare that they meet the criteria in the RCN’s Regulation on Fit and
Proper Persons and, as required in that Regulation:
• declare that they have the support of their employer (if employed) to
carry out the role as well as the time and availability
• commit to uphold the Nolan Principles of Public Life
m. declare that they know of no reason why they cannot stand for election
n. declare that they will stand down from their role when elected should they
fail to meet any of the above criteria during their term of office.

*a person is a salaried member of staff if they receive payment of any kind, and not
necessarily financial, in return for service to the RCN. This includes secondee’s whose
employers may receive payment from the RCN to compensate them for loss of the
secondee’s services, and any person paid on a self-employed basis, either full or part
time.

3. Term of office
The term of office will be 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024.

4. Nominations
Each nomination must be supported by two other members in the nursing
support worker membership category. Members may support more than one
nomination. If nominations are supported by more than two nursing support
worker members only two will be published and verified by the independent
scrutineer.

Members are also asked to provide information to support their nomination
including:

• information about their professional career
• information about their involvement with the RCN
• a 250 word statement explaining how their skills and experience will help them
succeed in the role
• a 250 word statement explaining why members should vote for them
• a recent head and shoulders photograph (optional)

Candidates for the Welsh and Scottish seats in these elections may submit
their statements in Welsh or Gaelic respectively but an English translation of
their statement is also required. The 250 word limit applies to the English
version of the candidate statement. The Welsh or Gaelic version should be an
exact translation which may, therefore, be more or fewer words.

5. Who can vote?
Members in the nursing support worker membership category in the country or
region concerned are eligible to vote in this election. To be eligible to vote
members must be fully paid up at the time the data is extracted for the mailing,
which will be after the closing date for nominations.
6. **How does voting work?**
Voting will be conducted electronically. Members will receive an email with a link to a voting website.

7. **Election timetable**

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8. **Administration**
The RCN Group Secretary has been appointed by RCN Council as returning officer for these elections.

The independent scrutineer for these elections will be Mi-Voice.

The principles in the [RCN elections – policy and process](rcn.org.uk/elections) document will apply to this election apart from where there are separate procedures pertaining to this election, in which case they are specified in this document.

9. **Returning nomination forms**
Nominations can be found online at [www.rcn.org.uk/elections](rcn.org.uk/elections).

The deadline for nominations to be received is **4.30pm on Monday 27 July 2020**.

We will acknowledge that we have received your nomination form within two working days of the close of nominations. If you have not received acknowledgement after that time, please call us on 020 7647 3644 or email elections@rcn.org.uk.