As a Nursing Support Workers Committee member you fulfill a vital role in helping the committee to achieve its purpose, providing a voice for the health care assistant, assistant practitioner, nursing associate and trainee nursing associate members of the RCN within the context of wider health and social care developments impacting upon nursing and patient care.

### Role summary
Committee members act in a representative capacity which, in summary, means you put forward the views of nursing support worker members in everything that you do.

### Key responsibilities
- Ensure that the voice of health care assistants (HCAs), assistant practitioners (APs), nursing associates (NAs) and trainee nursing associates (TNAs), is heard in the development of RCN policy relating to HCAs, APs, NAs and TNAs.
- Liaise with RCN boards on activity relating to HCAs, APs, NAs and TNAs.
- Via the RCN boards, liaison and communicate with HCA, AP, NA and TNA members in your region or country and put forward their views, ideas and concerns, including at Council through the two Council members on the committee.
- Share your expertise and experience with the RCN and help identify external stakeholders who may assist with the work of the committee.
- Advise and be consulted when the RCN develops strategy and undertakes planning on HCA, AP, NA and TNA issues.
- Contribute to the committee to encourage, promote, facilitate and support the advancement of nursing in relation to HCAs, APs, NAs and TNAs in line with RCN strategy and policy.
- Ensure that HCA, AP, NA and TNA members in your region or country are embedded in the activities of the RCN at all levels: local, national and international.
- To lead country and regional networks.

### What we are looking for
- An understanding of and commitment to the RCN, its purpose and its work.
- A contemporary understanding of nursing and health issues within your region or country.
- The ability to listen and speak up for HCA, AP, NA and TNA members in your region or country.
- A passion for HCAs, APs, NAs and TNAs and nursing, plus wanting to make a difference.
- Objectivity, fairness, independence of mind, integrity, wisdom, discretion and good judgement.
- Integrity and commitment to act in the best interests of the RCN without regard to your personal interest or benefit.
- Strategic vision and the ability to focus on practical issues.
- An awareness of how the world is changing politically, economically and socially.
- The ability to give direct and honest opinions and add value to decision making by offering different perspectives and constructive suggestions.
- A readiness to take and be accountable for decisions.
- To be willing to abide by the RCN’s Respect Charter.
How to become a Nursing Support Workers Committee member

• The term of office is for four years and elections take place every two years. Vacancies may also arise in between times.
• Eligible candidates must be in the nursing support worker membership category.
• Candidates must be working in the country or region to which they are standing.
• A nomination form and statement must be submitted and two RCN nursing support worker members must support your nomination.

All forms and full details of the elections can be found on the RCN website: www.rcn.org.uk/elections

About the committee

The committee is elected by RCN nursing support worker members. It is made up of one member from each of the following:
• Northern Ireland
• Scotland
• Wales
• East Midlands
• Eastern
• London
• Northern
• North West
• South East
• South West
• West Midlands
• Yorkshire & the Humber.

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