Public Health Nursing Forum Steering Committee and Expert Member Charter

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2020 - 2021

Forum vision:

Our forum promotes the principles of public health practice to everyone in the nursing and midwifery community.

It is essential for all of us to protect against infection and promote a safe environment, prevent ill health and to promote good health and wellbeing.

We believe that all nurses, midwives, nursing associates, nursing support workers and students should utilise the principles of public health wherever they work with individuals, working with communities and across the population as a whole.

The forum also works to support nurses and midwives working in specialist areas; for example travel health, immunisation, TB, sexual health and HIV, health protection and workplace health.

The forum works to support this and develop information and resources to support the public health nursing contribution. These are published on the RCN website as a clinical resource or on the RCN public health forum page and are constantly updated.

The forum collaborates with a range of stakeholders and networks to help influence and inform national strategy in relation to population health and improving the public's health, making sure the nursing and midwifery contribution is recognised

We work to raise awareness, respond to consultations, provide educational events, publish resources guidance,

We have an active Facebook group and Twitter account to promote discussion and sharing of ideas.

RCN public health forum remit:

- Support professional learning and development of the public health nursing and midwifery community
- Promote the public health nursing and midwifery contribution for all RCN members
- Support and promote good practice/dissemination of education and learning and the development of resources
- Provide public health expertise and input for the RCN
- To be actively involved with several stakeholder groups across health and social care
- Contribute to the development of local, regional, national and international policy
- Disseminate relevant public health nursing and midwifery information and resources.
- Provide professional support to specialist public health practitioners

Team deliverables:

- 1. Engagement with nursing and wider health care practitioners in collaboration with regional offices, RCND and country directors
- 2. Promoting good clinical practice through maintaining and developing RCN resources and the dissemination of information and learning via online resources
- 3. Actively participate in RCN Congress contributing to debates and educational activities
- 4. Through international activity, raise the profile of the forum and the RCN globally
- 5. Increase membership
- 6. Contribute to key documents and consultations with specialist knowledge and skills
- 7. Provide specialist advice on public health issues and principles to the RCN
- 8. Advise on public health nursing at key stakeholders' events on behalf of the RCN

Team outputs:

- Deliver to agreed timescales
- A regularly maintained and updated website
- Visible attendance at, and active participation in, Congress
- Presentation of forum activity to wider nursing audience
- Monitor/review and evaluate the RCN PH nursing hits on website
- Increase in membership numbers
- Develop and deliver a public health forum annual strategic plan
- Engagement with key stakeholders and visible attendance at events
- Submission of reports

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Forum committee member roles and responsibilities:		
Name	Role	Specific responsibilities
Denise Thiruchelvam	Chair	Nursing leadership, commissioning and Health Visiting. Support for the twitter address @Nurses4ph.
Hanna Kaur	Vice Chair	To focus on TB and health protection networking with organisations. Support forum Facebook pages
Sandra Grieve	Member	Travel health, link to national and international bodies (four UK country perspective), Faculty of Travel Medicine RCPS(Glasg), NECTM, NaTHNaC, HPS, ISTM.
Debbie Brown	Member	Focus on General Practice nursing and support for public health across the life course and understanding wider determinants
Janet Frimpong	Member	To Focus on occupational health. Responsibility for administration and moderation of the forum Facebook group
Tracey Cooke	Member	To focus on occupational health representation and networking
Sophie Molloy	Member	Expert advice on HIV sexual health and contraception and academic contribution

Forum expert members outside the committee:

Name	Area of responsibility
Gill Boast / Katharine Whittingham	Cardio vascular disease (CVD)
Cheryl Adams	Institute of Health Visiting - Health Visiting
Simon Browes and Linda Mages	Health Visiting
Sarah Addiman / Kemi Oluwakemi Olufon	Health Protection
Stephen Flanagan	Health protection and migrant health
Philomene Uwamaliya	Migrant Health refugee and asylum seekers
Sam Dorney-Smith / Corrine Clarkson (RCM)	Homelessness
Jan Sinclair	Physical Activity
Nicky Lambert	Public Health / Mental health
Ellie Gordon / Irene Muh / David Manley	Drugs and Alcohol
Lynda Greenslade	Drugs and Alcohol hepatology
Michaela Nuttall	Obesity
Sharon White	School Nursing (SAPHNA)
Michelle Howarth	Social prescribing
Jason Warriner	HIV, sexual health, contraception drug and alcohol addiction and homelessness.
Anne Harris / Helen Kirk	Occupational Health

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