

RCN Public Health Annual Report 2017

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Introduction:

2017 has been a busy and successful year for the Public Health Forum. The forum's profile has continued to grow. Aims and objectives were met across the Public Health field including occupational health, sexual health & HIV, women's health, children, health protection, homelessness, tuberculosis treatment and prevention, immunisation and travel health.

Achievements in 2017: (Outputs and outcomes):

Public Health Library exhibition and seminars in London from October 2016 to March 2017.

Public Health Library exhibition and seminars in Edinburgh, May to September 2017.

RCN and NaTHNaC joint event 2017

Publication of the survey on the use and role of the RCN Travel Health Competencies

Production of the Travel Health Poster with the results of the survey – Presented at the ISTM conference Barcelona 2017

Development of the Travel Health competencies for publication Dec 2017

FGM Guidance for Travel Health

Public Health signposting flyer published

Tuberculosis care management and cohort review practice manual to be published Dec 2017 Jan 2018

Nurse competency framework for tuberculosis prevention care and control to be published Dec 2017 Jan 2018

Exhibited at the TB Educational Symposium at the Royal College of Physicians, in September 2017.

Jason Warriner awarded an RCN Award of merit at Congress 2017

Sandra Grieve was awarded lifelong member status with the Travel Medicine Society of Ireland (TMSI)

Helen Kirk was awarded a Fellowship of the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses AAOHN.

Active Representation via the forum committee and or RCN professional lead for PH:

ICN Global Nursing Policy Leadership Institute

European Public Health Alliance

Council for Work and Health
RCN Credentialing Advisory Group
QNI Homelessness Network
PHE working group for Making Every Contact Count (MECC)
Obesity Health Alliance
Obesity Action Coalition
SCPHN National Curriculum Development Stakeholders Group
RCP Alcohol Health Advisory group
British Global and Travel Health Association (BGTHA)
Faculty of Travel Medicine (FTM), The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG)
UK organisation
Health Protection Scotland (HPS TRAVAX)
The National Travel Health Network and Centre (NaTHNaC)
TB nurses network
TB joint committee UK group
TB PHE working groups
British Paediatric TB association
PHE Blood Pressure System Leadership Board
RSP Tobacco Advisory Group (TAG)
All-party Parliamentary Group on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (APPMG)
Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Travel Aware Campaign
NECTM Steering Group and Scientific Committee
CISTM Scientific Committee
ITSM Publications Committee
National HIV Nurses Association working groups
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG) Faculty of Travel Medicine (FTM) publications and Travel Medicine Diploma Membership course and examination
All party parliamentary group on Domestic Violence
Joint TB Committee: once yearly, UK meeting, representation from all relevant bodies from all countries: microbiology, paediatrics, BHIVA, MDR, BTS, medical students, PHE, British infection association, TB alert, RCN.
TB Workforce (Task & Finish): part of TB Strategy, work in progress / audits, training etc.(England only).
Underserved Population (Task & Finish): part of TB Strategy, work completed as resource published. No further meetings planned - only via e-mail. (England only).
There is a newly BPTBA (British Paediatric TB Association) being put together; The Forums TB lead has been attending, but membership being confirmed for individuals and relevant bodies.
TB Nurses Forums: London and Central England. Work in progress to have a national forum.
NHSE Future sexual health workforce – training and education needs.
Occupational health nurses: FOHN meeting to discuss support/collaboration
PHE Work as a health outcome project
DWP fit note review – extending signatories to nurses
RCOT joint work to recruit nurses in clinical practice as champions for health and work

International Work of the RCN:

- The International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM)
- The Northern European Conference on Travel Medicine (NECTM)

The Forum has key networks groups of specialists, which includes:

- a. Cardio Vascular Network Group
- b. Migration Access to Health Services
- c. Health protection nurses
- d. TB nurses
- e. Travel health nurses
- f. Occupational health nurses

Congress 2017:

Fringe: *Transforming the education of Occupational Health Nurses*

Heather Henry Resolution: Are we disabling our patients by focusing on illness rather than wellness.

Impact of Brexit matter for discussion – proposed by Jason Warriner

Seconding resolutions: Jason Warriner – supporting nurses with dementia to continue working

Blogs:

Following the strategy planning meeting in April, every committee member committed to writing a blog per month:

- Stoptober - how we can help people quit
- The importance of collecting data in TB nursing
- The Daily Mile: Nearly 2,000 schools in the UK have signed up to participate in the Daily Mile.
- The continued importance of travel health medicine
- Meningitis vaccination
- Influenza vaccination

Published articles:

Articles appeared in the following *Bulletin* issues:

January 2017

March 2017

June 2017

August 2017

September 2017

October 17

Feature in the *Nursing Standard* issue: 24 May 2017.

Feature in the *Primary Health Care Journal*: October 2017

Twitter:

Each committee member is a committed Twitter user, regularly tweeting as individuals and via the forum Twitter account – with 300 followers.

Congress – fringes or resolutions/ matters for discussion
Collaboration/ projects with stakeholders e.g. colleges, DOH
Impact of forum work for the RCN member (4-country perspective).

Web pages:

The forum continually contributes the successful Public Health clinical topics pages and attracts, on average, 20,000 page views bi-monthly:

February –March: 18,321 page views
May-June: 22,480 page views
August-September: 19,925 page views

Contribution to Consultations/ Policy:

Specifically on;

- HM treasury consultation on duty on alcohol structure tax
- NHS E Gender identity trans and non-binary care for over 17s specification
- NHS E Consultation on gluten free products. Consultation on Items which should not routinely be prescribed in primary care: A Consultation on guidance for CCGs
- Northern Ireland health department consultation on e-cigarettes

NICE

- behaviour change
- HIV testing quality standard (QS)
- Healthy workplaces: improving employee mental and physical health and wellbeing quality standard (QS)
- Guideline sexually transmitted infections: condom distribution schemes
- Long-acting reversible contraception: Surveillance consultation (CG)
- Community engagement: improving health and wellbeing Quality Standard (QS)
- Vaccine uptake in under 19's quality standard (QS)
- Indoor Air Pollution
- Drug misuse prevention: targeted interventions guidelines
- Violence and Aggression (QS)

Sandra Grieve, Forum committee member is a member of the RCN Foundation Awards Panel and RCN International Representation Group.

Membership of the forum:

Membership total: 10,280.

First choice: 4,861

There has been a drop in membership in particular members citing the PHF as first choice. This could indicate that nurses are recognising their broader PH remit in other specialities but needs to be monitored

The Committee has full membership – there are currently no vacancies.

Plans for 2018:

A joint Public Health and History of Nursing project to host a Library exhibition on pandemic with an associated series of events will take place in London and Edinburgh.

The forum secured sponsorship to publish and promote the TB educational publications over a two year period – 2017-18, and will explore the possibility of an oral/poster presentation at the following events:

RCN Congress Fringe and submission of items for the congress agenda

TB Nurses Conference

Public Health England

Faculty of Public Health

Work with the women's health and midwifery lead on the congress resolution on trafficking and modern slavery and linking to other work to develop a resource on inclusion health to take on board issues raised in the congress resolution on health care for refugees and asylum seekers.

Additional Fringe events for 2018

NECTM7 Stockholm May 2018

Possibility of another RCN PH Forum/NaTHNaC event

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