



RCN Professional Nursing Committee

Nominations for the new RCN Professional Nursing Committee are now open. This committee will be the decision-making body of the RCN on professional issues. By giving the RCN a strong, informed, professional voice you can help us to demonstrate the value of nursing and the difference it makes to patient experience and outcomes.

[Apply by 29 August](#)

Crowdsourcing innovation

Meridian is an online health innovation exchange, designed to support the West Midlands' innovation ecosystem. It assists NHS, academic and commercial stakeholders through a collaborative approach to resolving clinical and service challenges to build a region-wide innovation culture.

[Find out more](#)

Research funding

Nurses in Scotland can apply for the Vale of Leven scholarship scheme, a commemoration for those who died as a



Innovation watch

ChatHealth is a secure text messaging service that puts secondary school pupils in touch with a school nurse. Evidence shows young people feel more comfortable and confident relating sensitive issues via mobile technology rather than a face-to-face discussion with a healthcare professional.

[Find out more](#)

Research funding

The Marie Curie Cancer Care research grants scheme is now open, funding high quality research to improve the quality of

result of the *Clostridium difficile* outbreak at the Vale of Leven Hospital.

life of people with terminal illnesses, their families, friends and communities.

Apply by 3 July

Apply by 7 July

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are a great way to learn flexibly with the world's top universities, health schools and healthcare organisations

- Health Technology Assessment: choosing which treatments get funded
- Social media analytics: using data to understand public conversations
- Talking about cancer
- Antimicrobial stewardship: managing antibiotic resistance

Alternatively, have a look at the Future Learn website to see what else is coming up. Most MOOCs are free.

Caring to change

This paper, *How compassionate leadership can stimulate innovation in health care*, includes a case study of the Buurtzoorg nursing model from the Netherlands. [...more](#)

Integrated workforce

With significant changes in the clinical research workforce this framework is an invaluable resource when thinking about Continuing Professional Development. [...more](#)

Let's get digital

This National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) competition is designed to recognise the interesting digital ways people promote research. Apply by 30 June. [...more](#)

PhD studentship

This fully funded 3-year studentship, *Promoting and supporting safety in the context of childhood long-term conditions*, is based at the University of Manchester.

Apply by 30 June

Research fellowship

Combine clinical practice whilst doing a PhD, *Sudden death in an Emergency Department*, as a clinical doctoral research fellow. Based in Southampton.

Apply by 30 June

Positive ageing

Seeing is believing

This conference on 17 July will bring together NHS, local government, industry and academia stakeholders. It aims to strengthen emerging solutions, new ways of working and share plans for achieving healthier and happier ageing across the East of England.

[Free to attend](#)

Network with colleagues, and learn more about recent research in medical retina, neuro-ophthalmology and ophthalmic trauma, stem cell research and gene therapy, at the RCN Ophthalmic Nursing Forum conference, taking place on 4 November 2017 in London.

[Register now](#)

Follow these links to keep up-to-date on RCN professional resources for nursing research and innovation.

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