



The voice of nursing in the UK

Celebrating excellence in nursing care

Entries are now open for the RCNi nurse awards 2020. Nurses, students and nursing support workers across the UK are invited to share their innovations and expertise across 10 categories, including excellence in cancer research.

[Submit by 17 January](#)



Practice supervision

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) introduced new education standards in May 2018 to reflect the scope and requirements of current nursing practice. The RCN has developed a suite of online resources in support of this, including two videos on practice supervision.

Join a network

RCN Northern Ireland networks are groups of members who have a special interest and/or expertise in a particular nursing speciality, working together to share ideas and improve practice. Each network is member-led and supported by an RCN Northern Ireland staff link.

[View the resources](#)

[Find out more](#)

Suggest a research topic

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) commissions and funds projects looking at new ways of doing things, as well as the usefulness of new tests, treatments and devices. They also look at how to improve public health to see what really works in practice. Help shape which questions most urgently need answering.

[Find out more](#)

Research career

Your path in research is an NIHR campaign to encourage more health care professionals to get involved in research. In this blog, Caroline Nicholson, nurse and NIHR training advocate, explains how she's kept patients at the heart of her research career and offers top tips to those wishing to take a similar route.

[Read the blog](#)

Research findings

The National Institute for Health Research Dissemination Centre (NIHR DC) critically appraises the latest health research to identify the most reliable, relevant and significant findings. Recent examples include.

- [E-cigarettes helped more smokers quit than nicotine replacement therapy.](#)
- [Communication problems are top of patients' concerns about hospital care.](#)
- [Having more registered nurses on general wards is linked to lower mortality.](#)
- [Long-term exercise programmes reduce falls and injuries in older adults.](#)
- [Are track and trigger systems linked to rates of in-hospital cardiac arrest?](#)

Visit the NIHR DC website to read more signals, highlights and themed reviews.

[Further examples](#)

Clinical academic careers

A new initiative has been launched by the NIHR to support nurses and midwives to become research leaders. The nursing and midwifery incubator is an online repository of information and resources, and includes a forum for discussion and collaboration.

[Register](#)

Research training

The University of Nottingham is running a five-day course on systematic reviews. Accredited by the Joanna Briggs Institute, the course, which runs 13-17 January 2020, provides a comprehensive understanding of all steps involved in systematic reviewing.

[Find out more](#)

Research training

The NIHR doctoral fellowship is a three year full-time award that supports individuals to undertake a PhD in an area of NIHR research. This fellowship may be taken up on a part-time basis.

[Apply by 17 December](#)

Using research in practice

The Alliance for Useful Evidence has published a new report, Bodies of evidence: how professional organisations in health, education and policing champion the use of research.

[Read the report](#)

Nightingale 2020: transforming the impact of nursing on global health and care

Date: 27-28 October 2020



Location: London



Information: [See the website](#)



This international conference will showcase how nurses and midwives can work collectively to transform global health and care for everyone, everywhere.

Conference submissions are being invited in four thematic areas: impact, world health, professionalism, and digital health. These submissions can be for workshops, symposia, panel discussions, debates, open papers and posters. The deadline for submissions is 8 January.

[Find out more](#)

Health policy

Strengthening health systems through nursing: evidence from 14 European countries (2019) has been published by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. RCN President Anne Marie Rafferty is one of the authors.

[Find out more](#)

Research training

The Health and Care Research Wales health research fellowship award is now open for applications. The fellowship aims to support individuals to become independent researchers through leading and undertaking high quality research.

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