

## **Nurse Support Workers: RCN regulations for the RCN Nurse Support Workers Constituency**

At the RCN AGM on 26 October 2011, RCN members voted to amend the RCN Standing Orders to give health practitioners, such as health care assistants and assistant practitioners, full membership of the RCN and provide two seats for them on RCN Council.

At the RCN AGM on 20 May 2019, RCN members voted to amend the RCN Standing Orders to change the name of Health Practitioners to Nursing Support Workers. This regulation has been updated to reflect the change of name.

In order to implement this, two regulations were agreed by RCN Council on 9 February 2012, These

a) define the Nursing Support Workers constituency.

and

b) defines the committee to represent Nursing Support Worker members.

The regulations are as follows:

### **a) Regulation on Nursing Support Workers' constituency**

Standing Order 5.2.4 provides for the admission to membership of the RCN of those who are engaged in supporting nursing in health and social care as Council may from time to time determine.

Standing Orders 7.4 and 9.7 provide for the election of one seat to Council representing a nursing support worker constituency the members of which are recognised in the manner described in the RCN regulations.

This regulation defines the nursing support worker constituency as comprising those members who are eligible to join the nursing support worker category of membership as defined in the "Definitions of Membership Document" described in the Regulation on the Membership of the RCN approved by Council in November 2011.

### **b) Regulation for the Committee representing nursing support workers**

Standing Order 9.7 provides for a committee to represent nursing support worker members.

This regulation defines the committee to represent nursing support workers as a committee elected from the constituency of nursing support workers as defined under the *Regulation on nursing support workers' constituency*. The name, composition and terms of reference for that committee shall be approved by RCN Council.

**Regulation updated and approved by RCN Council 20 December 2023 to reflect the name change. No other changes have been made to the original 2011 regulation.**