

RCN North West

RCN North West provides support, advice and representation on employment and professional matters to nurses, health care assistants, nursing students and midwives in the public, independent and voluntary sectors across Cheshire, Greater Manchester, the Isle of Man, Lancashire and Merseyside.

What our members say

“I found the whole journey from first ringing the support line very supportive, each representative I spoke to was knowledgeable and interested in my situation.”

“It was a relief to have someone just talk me through each stage and to ensure it was a fair process. I am grateful for the support.”



“My officer was professional, knowledgeable, tactful and most of all kind.”

(Member survey feedback February 2026)

North West region breakdown

Manchester Patch Team

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Cheshire and Merseyside Patch Team

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Lancashire and South Cumbria Patch Team

Lancashire and South Cumbria: Mary-Anne Parkinson
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Regional staff departments in Bolton: professional development; communications; legal; administration and governance

RCN North West branches



Facts and figures

- Our Regional Director is Simon Browes.
- Between February 2025 and February 2026 we dealt with over 4,600 cases involving members across the North West who asked us for help with employment and professional issues.
- We held 27 member engagement events across the region and each of the seven branches held an AGM and branch meetings throughout the year.
- RCN North West has over 60,000 members who are supported by accredited representatives and branch activists.



Regional Board

The regional board is the democratically-elected governing body of the RCN in the North West and helps set the RCN's regional strategic objectives and priorities, and advance the RCN's aims and objectives, including:

- improving the education and training of the nursing workforce
- promoting nursing as a profession
- supporting the professional status and interests of nursing
- supporting members.

Board member	Name
Chair	Sanjithkumar Gopakumaran Nair
Council Chair and Region	Carmel O'Boyle
Region	Adrian Williams
Region	Claire Green
Region	Deborah Fagan
Region	Elizabeth Walton
Region	Katharina Simkiss
Region	Lucy Garuba
Region	Marco Silingardi
Region	Michelle Howarth
Region	Mojibola Odusanya
Region	Sandra Slater-Booth
Region	Temitope Babajide
Region	Trudy Roberts
Trade Union Committee Member	Maggy Heaton
Professional Nursing Committee Member	Oladunni Akinbulumo

North West Council member

RCN Council is the organisation's governing body, responsible for setting the RCN's priorities, objectives and policies. You can find out more about Council at rcn.org.uk/about-us/how-the-rcn-is-governed. The region's current representative on Council is Carmel O'Boyle.

Become an RCN North West rep

Becoming a rep for the RCN in the North West couldn't be easier at Congress. You can visit the dedicated reps stand to find out more, register your interest or even sign up!

Becoming an RCN rep gives you the chance to make a real difference to your patients and their loved ones, the working lives of you and your colleagues and even the future of nursing. You can find out more about becoming a rep at rcn.org.uk/Get-Involved/rcn-reps

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