



Political Leadership Programme WALES

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This course will appeal to those who want to:

- ❑ understand the influence of politics on healthcare policy
- ❑ influence change in health or social policy
- ❑ develop strategies to shape policy
- ❑ understand the legislative and policy context of devolution
- ❑ gain the support of external stakeholders
- ❑ improve their leadership skills

Health and social care services in Wales are at the top of the political agenda. There is a strong policy drive to reshape community based services and provide seamless health and social care. 2026 sees the election of a new, expanded Welsh Senedd and a new Welsh Government, giving new opportunities to engage and influence.

The programme explores how the political environment sets the context for the individual practitioner and the organisation. It will expand your knowledge of how health and social policy are shaped in Wales. It encourages participants to engage with strategic policy and provides the tools for such engagement and for influencing the wider agenda.

The course is delivered by experienced lobbying, campaigns and media practitioners, and features influential guest speakers, carefully selected from a range of current and former politicians, political experts and nursing leaders. The programme is delivered over two consecutive days with a blended learning approach which includes interactive discussion and practical workshops.

The overall aim of this course is to develop individuals, teams and organisations to influence health, health policy and health care.

Comments from Previous Participants:

"A superb programme. I feel privileged to have listened to the speakers and no longer feel intimidated by politics. The programme made politics reachable and tailor-made for nursing. One of the best courses I have ever been on in my career. Thank-you very much. I intend to be politically aware and to be more active in future."

"Informative, empowering and envisioning. It has been central to sharpening my edge on strategic issues showing the implications of my service and leadership locally and nationally."

How to Book:

Book online: www.rcn.org.uk/PLP

Any queries about the course please email:
policy.publicaffairs.wales@rcn.org.uk

Course fees: The course fee is £400 plus VAT per person which includes registration for the course, course materials, lunch, refreshments.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations received one week before the start of the event will be refunded, minus a £25 administration fee. No refunds can be processed after this date. Places can be substituted with the prior knowledge and agreement of the RCN.

