



9. We discussed the work that is underway to better articulate the role of the Committee and also to better promote the professional work of the RCN. We recognised that there will be a number of opportunities over the coming months to raise this professional profile, for example through development of the RCN Research Strategy, the Staffing for Safe and Effective Care (SSEC) programme and development of the RCN Institute of Excellence.

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## Professional Framework Project

17. We received a presentation on work under the professional framework programme.
18. Since our meeting we are delighted that the new [definition of nursing](#) and principles of nursing have been published. They will underpin the continuing development of the RCN Professional Framework .
19. One of the key aims of the professional framework is to set out the RCN position on the levels of nursing practice. Following discussion at our August deep dive session, we formally ratified the RCN definitions of enhanced, advanced, and consultant level nursing practice. We expect these definitions to be published ahead of the RCN Advanced Nurse Practitioner conference on 17 October. They will inform the RCN contribution to the work being undertaken by the NMC on advanced practice.
20. The work of the professional framework will also include work on defining the nursing support workforce and provide clarity on supportive and assistive roles in that workforce ; this will be done in collaboration with the Nursing Support Worker Committee .

## Introduction to the Director of Policy, Communications and Marketing

21. After having been unable to attend our last two meetings, Phil Ball joined us to introduce himself as the Director of Policy, Communications and Marketing and provide an overview of his portfolio. We look forward to working with him over the coming months.

## RCN Institute of Excellence

22. We received an update on next steps in development of the RCN Institute of Excellence and received an overview of the five academies that will constitute the Institute.
23. Many of our priority work areas – including safe staffing, education, learning and development, research, the professional framework, and nursing policy – will migrate to the Institute and we continue our engagement in its development and alignment with our work programme.

## RCN Position Statement on Nursing Associates Extended Scope of Practice

24. The Committee reviewed the agreed position statement on the scope of practice of the Nursing Associate which came back to the Committee in the light of recent developments in the other three countries of the UK, most notably in Wales, since it was signed off.
25. Nicola Ranger outlined recent developments in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland in relation to the potential further development of Band 4 roles and the possible introduction of the Nursing Associate role in these countries. We agreed that there was no need to amend the position statement as the points made in relation to the potential for the development of the role outside England addressed the need for the evaluation of the role as implemented in England and the need to develop an England-wide employer code.
26. We concluded that the position statement was clear that Nursing

## Forums and Networks Review

30. We agreed that a comprehensive update on implementation of the recommendations arising from the Forums and Networks Review will be presented to our next meeting in October.
31. Nicola Ranger is working on a paper to the Governance Support Committee, now taking place in November, requesting a review of the forums governance processes highlighted in the review, including the steering committee members appointments process and the Forum Chairs election process plus the three -year

## UK Staffing for Safe and Effective Care (SSEC)

32. At every meeting, we receive an update from the Chair of the UK Programme Board for Staffing for Safe and Effective Care (SSEC) on activity across the four countries.
33. We discussed the strides other countries have made in ensuring safe nurse staffing levels, and how the RCN can use its influence to achieve similar results in the UK. We discussed the plans for this work for the remainder of the year, and in the lead up to Congress position on ratios - maximum patients to registered nurse safety R Z Ã % å Ã K å R å Æ Z Ã ÿ ÿ % è v è op priority, and the Committee continues to have a laser focus on doing everything it can to drive this work forward.
34. Under this item we heard about plans for an international safe staffing summit for invited UK workforce leaders and senior managers being arranged for 12 -13 December at RCN HQ. This will feature international nurse leaders and UK academic workforce specialists as keynote speakers who will lay out their own experiences of campaigning for SSEC, including ratios, and the necessity of doing so. I will be attending alongside other members of PNC.

## Other Business

35. ° è % , Z è å H Ã % R ÿ , K Z è . [Nursing Support Workers Day Conference](#) taking place on 23 November at RCN HQ. Registration is now open (for Nursing Support Worker members only).
36. We also discussed concerns that had been raised by members regarding the Oliver McGowan mandatory training on learning å R Ã Þ Z } Ã % å Ã ` Z R \$ å Z è , v è K % \$ è % Z R H K è ÿ è K K è å recommended training for health and social care staff. The RCN has formally raised these concerns on behalf of members.

