



Our Purpose

We represent RCN members who are currently employed or have previously worked in Defence Nursing inclusive of the whole force: Royal Navy, Army, the Royal Air Force, or Civil Service. Our primary objective is to advance the academic and professional growth of our members through collaboration with various RCN forums, teams, and wider Defence stakeholders. We strive to raise awareness of the positive impact of Defence Nursing within Defence and the broader nursing workforce. We provide Defence nursing expert advice and guidance to the RCN to support its mission of promoting safe, high-quality, person-centred nursing care across all settings. The members of the Forum Steering Committee are dedicated to fulfilling this mission.

Our vision

Our vision is of a growing, engaged, and thriving forum membership who feel listened to, supported, and represented by its steering committee. Working with its wider membership, the forum steering committee provide a series of events throughout the year to fulfil its purpose of representing and supporting its members and promoting the positive impact of Defence nursing.

Our SMART objectives

1. Plan a strategy to listen to what our membership wants, possibly through social media posts, listening events, survey (distributed widely including through chair email, suggestion box at Congress, social media) by Sep 24.
2. Recruit two new committee members and become a full committee reflective our membership by Dec 24.
3. Complete RCN social media training by Jun 24.
4. Complete RCN ED&I training by Jul 24.
5. Review the RCN Library [Defence Nursing Subject Guide](#) by Jun 24.
6. Work with Critical Care and Flight Nursing, Peri-Operative, and Emergency Care Forum to deliver the [RCN Acute Care Symposium](#) in 2025.
7. Actively participate in RCN Congress 24.
8. Submit a bid to run a DNF Learning and Wellbeing Event at RCN Congress 25.
9. Contribute to key Defence Nursing events such as the CNO Symposium for Royal Navy, Army, RAF throughout 24.
10. Promote the benefits of the RCN and the DNF with Defence Nursing students throughout the year.
11. Explore opportunity to attend/be involved in Trauma Care Conference.
12. Explore ideas for webinar series (FGM, health security, breast feeding network) alongside working with the Mental Health Forum/Women's Health Forum.
13. Build links with Academic Department of military nursing.

