

Key messages from the RCN Northern Ireland Board meeting

4 December 2023 from Board membership with effect from 21 October 2023 in order to facilitate his recent appointment as Chair of the RCN Nursing in Justice and Forensic Health Care Forum.

- 7 The Board discussed and agreed a paper outlining arrangements for RCN Congress 2024, which will be held in Newport from 2 to 6 June. The Board recommended that discretionary funding to support member attendance should be targeted at those working within the independent sector and newly-accredited RCN representatives.
- 8 Board members received a verbal briefing on current Department of Health consultations. These cover the potential re-introduction of hospital parking charges, further amendments to the HSC pension scheme, reforming the Northern Ireland clinical excellence awards scheme, and two consultations on addressing obesity.
- 9 The Board received a verbal update on issues relating to Northern Ireland members employed within the independent sector and GP practice nurses.
- 10 A further verbal report on the recent launch and implementation of the Prince of Wales Cadet Scheme in Northern Ireland was received, discussed and noted.
- 11 The Board received and noted various written reports on the work of RCN Council, the RCN Trade Union Committee, the RCN UK Professional Nursing Committee, the RCN UK Nursing Support Workers Committee, the RCN UK Student Committee and the RCN UK Representatives Committee.
- 12 The Board received and noted reports from the Director and the Board Chair.
- 13 Induction sessions for new Board members will be held on Wednesday 17 January 2024 and Thursday 18 January 2024. The next full quarterly meeting of the RCN Northern Ireland Board will take place on Monday 19 February 2024.