

## Key messages from the RCN Northern Ireland Board meeting

30 September 2024

- 1 In her opening remarks, the RCN Northern Ireland Board Chair formally welcomed Senior Business Accountant Ingrid Blake to her first Board meeting.
- 2 The Board received a further verbal

behalf of affected individual members and the wider nursing profession. The Board agreed a range of further measures in order to escalate these concerns.

- 7 A verbal briefing was provided on the current Northern Ireland Board election process. The deadline for nominations was Monday 30 September 2024.
- 8 The Board received an update on Northern Ireland consultation responses that are currently being progressed. Members' significant professional concerns over proposals outlined in the Department of Health consultation on the principles underpinning a new Public Health Bill were noted. The RCN's response to this consultation has been endorsed by the Board in advance of submission in line with the 14 October 2024 deadline. The response will be available on request after that date. A response has been submitted to a Department for the Economy consultation on the content of an Employment Rights Bill for Northern Ireland, whilst the RCN's response to the Department of Health consultation on the principles underpinning the forthcoming safe and effective staffing legislation is currently being finalised. The RCN is also preparing a response to an Executive Office consultation on the