



Royal College  
of Nursing

## **Nursing and Covid-19: Past, Present and Future** **International Long Covid Awareness Day**

Join us online on MS Teams or in person at RCN HQ, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN  
Saturday 15 March 2025

Please note these programme details and timings are subject to change.  
A final programme will be available at the event.

### **Programme at a glance**

10.00	<b>Registration and refreshments</b>
10.30	<b>Chair's welcome and opening remarks</b> Patricia Marquis, Executive Director of RCN England (Chair) Professor Nicola Ranger, RCN General Secretary and Chief Executive
10.45	<b>Keynote session: Covid-19: Past, Present and Future</b> Flo Panel Coates
11.05	<b>Reflections on Nursing and Covid 19: Past, Present and Future</b> Anne Armstrong, Interim Chief Nursing Officer for Scotland, Scottish Government Gillian Knight, Nursing Officer Wales, Welsh Government Duncan Burton, Chief Nursing Officer, England (pre recorded video message)
11.35	<b>Member Support Services: Working together on Long Covid</b> Ian King, RCN Welfare Adviser Dr Dee Burrows, RCN member
12.05	<b>Refreshment break and networking</b>
12.20	<i>Transition to breakout sessions</i>

12.30	Breakout sessions		
	<p><b>Breakout session 1: Room 101</b></p> <p><b>Long Covid Recovery</b></p> <p>Dr Ruth Oshikanlu MBE, Executive Director, Abule CIC</p>	<p><b>Breakout session 2: Room 102</b></p> <p><b>Long Covid support in the workplace: <i>the role of reasonable adjustments</i></b></p> <p>Dr Alison Twycross RN, Chair, Supporting Healthcare Heroes UK</p> <p>Holly Chadd, RCN Disability Officer</p>	<p><b>Breakout session 3: Room 103</b></p> <p><b>RCN’s Respiratory Risk Assessment Toolkit: <i>assessing and mitigating the risks of transmission of respiratory infections in health and social care</i></b></p> <p>Rose Gallagher, RCN Professional Lead - Sustainability</p> <p>Louise Church, RCN Health, Safety and Wellbeing National Officer</p>
13.15	<b>Lunch and networking</b>		
14.15	<p><b>Chair’s welcome back</b> Patricia Marquis, Executive Director of RCN England</p>		
14.20	<p><b>The UK Covid-19 Inquiry</b> Nicole O’Reilly, RCN Senior Legal Officer and Solicitor</p>		
14.50	<p><b>Learning from the Pandemic and Looking to the Future: Panel Q&amp;A</b> Chair: Patricia Marquis, Executive Director of RCN England Rose Gallagher MBE, RCN Professional Lead Sustainability Patricia Temple, Cardiac Care Nurse Samantha Preston, RCN Independent Health &amp; Social Care Lead Nurse East Midlands Dr Ruth Oshikanlu MBE, Executive Director, Abule CIC</p>		
15.30	<p><b>Closing remarks</b> Professor Nicola Ranger, RCN General Secretary and Chief Executive</p>		
16.00	<b>Close</b>		