

# RCN Pain and Palliative Care Conference

Exploring pain and palliative care across care settings



Venue: RCN HQ, London  
Date: Friday 7 March 2025

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

## Programme at a glance

9.00	Registration, exhibition, networking and refreshments	
9.30	Welcome and introduction to the conference <i>Martin Galligan, Pain and Palliative Care Forum Chair</i>	
9.35	Enhancing the Delivery of Pain & Palliative Care: Economic Insights from Cancer Patient Data <i>Dr Ethna McFerran, Post Doctoral Research Fellow, Queens University Belfast</i>	
10.10	Holistic Symptom Assessment <i>Professor Bridget Johnston (FRCN), Clinical Professor of Nursing and Palliative Care, University of Glasgow</i>	
10.45	Exhibition, networking and refreshments	
11.15	Workshops	
11.15	<p>Workshop One: <b>Neuropathic Pain</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Felicia Cox (FRCN)</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Callum Metcalfe-O'Shea, UK Professional Lead for Long Term Conditions and Advance Nurse Practitioner, RCN</i></p> <p><i>Charlotte Sear, Senior Clinical Nurse Specialist, Royal Brompton Hospital</i></p>	<p>Workshop Two: <b>Advance Care Planning</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Sandra Campbell (FRCN), Macmillan Consultant Nurse in Palliative and End of Life Care, The Scottish Ambulance Service</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Professor Bridget Johnston (FRCN)</i></p>
12.00	Lunch and exhibition viewing	
13.00	Workshops	

13.00	<p><b>Workshop Three: Pain Assessment in Vulnerable Groups</b></p> <p><i>Chair: Rachel Desai, Nurse Consultant, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Dr Margaret Dunham, Associate Professor in Nursing &amp; Pain Management, Edinburgh Napier University</i></p> <p><i>Sandra Campbell, Macmillan Consultant Nurse in Palliative and End of Life Care</i></p>	<p><b>Workshop Four: Cultural Experiences of Palliative Care</b></p> <p><i>Chair: Ola Isaiah, Specialist Nurse in Palliative Care, Bart Health NHS Trust</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Flora Dangwa</i></p>
13.45	<p><b>Workshop Five: Principals of Symptom Management</b></p> <p><i>Chair: Sandra Campbell</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Ola Isaiah, Specialist Nurse in Palliative Care, Bart Health NHS Trust</i></p>	<p><b>Workshop Six: Developing the pain &amp; palliative care workforce</b></p> <p><i>Chair: Martin Galligan</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Racheal Desai, Sharon Taylor</i></p>
14.30	<b>Transition break and refreshments</b>	
15:00	<p>Communication Skills and Shared Decision Making</p> <p><i>Lloyd Allen, Freelance Trainer</i></p>	
15.45	<p>Panel Discussion: In Conversation with Pain and Palliative Care Forum Steering Committee</p> <p><i>Chair: Martin Galligan</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Sandra Campbell, Ola Isaiah, Rachel Desai, Suzanne Monks</i></p>	
16:30	<b>Conference close</b>	