

RCN Forum Annual Report 2024

Forum Name:

Advanced Nurse Practitioner Forum

Introduction:

Our forum is for nurses working at or training to work at an advanced level in any setting. Advanced level practice has already been defined by both the RCN, NHS England and devolved countries in policy documents which outline the four pillars.

Membership of the forum

RCN Membership:	12071
1st Choice:	6965
X (Twitter):	2254 (account now archived)
Facebook:	2.7K

We currently have 12,071 members in the forum, approx. 5% increase and up from 11,648 last year.

We are the first-choice forum for 6,965 members, up from 6,736 members last year.

We have 2700 members in our Facebook group, up from 2420 last year; and 2254 followers on X (twitter), up from 2148 last year.

Our steering committee had zero vacancies this year.

Reflections on 2024: (Outputs and outcomes)

Jen Charlewood has been the member lead on the Professional Frameworks Work, updating and developing the levels of enhanced, advanced and consultant level practice. The Professional Framework was published in April 2024 and provides definitions and standards for all levels of nursing.

Our strategy day in 2024 focussed on the priorities of the conference, looking at the RCN Advanced Level Practice Credentialing process, and we discussed EDI in relation to advanced nurse practitioners. We also discussed the current Nursing and Midwifery Council plans for regulating advanced practice.

Further to our discussion on the RCN Advanced Level Practice Credentialing process, we have recommended that the RCN pause the process temporarily and review it. This recommendation is still progressing through the RCN decision making process.

The ANP Forum hosted a virtual conference on 11th October 2024 entitled 'Enhancing practice through science, technology, and clinical expertise.' The conference was well attended with over 261 delegates with a revenue of nearly £16,000. This is in comparison to

last year's conference which brought a total of approx. £7,000. The conference was well evaluated with 122 responders. Key highlights of the conference were the programme, speakers and topics. 86% rated the content and speakers as 8 or more out of 10. Over 70% of delegates said they would recommend this conference to others giving a Net Promoter Score of 66.4.

Sharlene Hogan attended the British Association for Nursing in Cardiovascular Care virtual meetings in 2024, representing the ANP Forum.

Work she has contributed to include:

- liaising between the RCN and BANCC to request for a cardiovascular forum
- Contributed towards the British Heart Foundation research group on cardiovascular consensus document on the nursing perspective
- Strategies to enhance recruitment of female participants to cardiovascular research

Sharlene Hogan was invited as a speaker to the XXVIII International Nursing Research Conference in Spain: The impact of Advanced Nurse Practitioners on Global Health Outcomes Conference in Spain:

The opportunity to represent the RCN as an ANP forum at the International Nursing Research Conference in Spain was both a privilege and joy. The topic she presented on was: The impact of Advanced Nurse Practitioners on Global Health Outcomes; specifically, around the work of the RCN on the definition of nursing and how this relates to the four pillars.

Jen Charlewood was invited as a speaker to the British Rheumatology Society Conference 2024 in Liverpool, to speak on the subject of advanced practice and how it could be used in rheumatology workforce, using the RCN professional levels of practice.

Jen Charlewood attended the International Council of Nurses Advanced Practice Nurse Network (ICN/APNN) in Aberdeen alongside the RCN team and helped to represent the RCN ANP forum internationally.

Congress 2024:

We attended with 7 voting members. We spoke on the following resolutions and matters for discussion:

- Definition of Nursing
- Nursing Apprenticeships
- Access to controlled drugs in care homes
- Improved health care for the unseen
- Genomic Competencies

We led learning and wellbeing events on:

- Professional Levels of Nursing, which were newly published at the time, with support from the GPN Forum and the professional nursing committee on how the professional levels would apply to all nurses across their careers. Jen Charlewood and Sharlene Hogan presented at this event.

- Coral Rees along with her colleague, Marianne Jenkins, delivered a session at RCN congress in Newport, Wales, on HEadsss assessment in a young person which was very well received with excellent feedback.

We also supported the following events:

- World Café with all the forums
- The ANP Forum Committee were asked to co-host a talk at Congress with the GPN Forum, on the levels of practice work and how that applies in primary care. The ANP Forum were in attendance at the event with Katie Brown representing the forum during the talk, who was able to give an ANP perspective within primary care and also with the added benefit of covering working in Northern Ireland.
- Sharlene Hogan presented at the Independent Health & Social Care Learning plenary session on “Cardiovascular Advanced Nurse Practitioner- Research focused role within the Independent sector” using the four pillars of nursing.

We manned the forum stall at our designated time.

Contribution to Consultations/Policy development

- Coral has attended several round table discussions in Wales and all 4 nations with the NMC regarding the regulation of advanced practice.
- Several members of the forum attended a roundtable event with the NMC around the future plans for regulation of advanced practice

Plans for 2025:

We will hold our strategy day in 2025.

We will work with the RCN on any review of the RCN Advanced Level Practice Credentialing process.

We will be holding our annual conference.

We will be working closely with the NMC around the regulation of advanced practice and ensuring that the voice of our forum members is heard

We will continue to support the professional framework of nursing practice

We will be working with our forum staff lead around advanced practice in an international arena as part of work to reduce the variation of advanced nursing practice across the continent of Europe.

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