

RCN Older People's Nursing Forum:

Steering Committee Team Charter

RCN Older People's Forum vision

The RCN forum supports the development of excellent nursing care for older people in all settings. We believe that there is a need to promote Older People's Nursing within the wider community and acknowledge the satisfaction that the challenges of nursing older people with complex needs bring.

We cover a wide range of health issues which impact particularly on older people.

The RCN forum aims to support all nurses by providing expert advice and resources which enable them to deliver the best standard of care.

We aim to advocate for older people's health for all professionals.

We endeavour to collaborate with other RCN forums and external organisations with an interest in older people's care.

The forum will place the voice of older people and their supporters at the heart of our work and ensure we champion equality, diversity and inclusion in our work.

We will provide evidence-based, guidance and resources on subjects within our speciality and we will be an expert resource for the RCN and wider membership.

We will actively seek to engage, involve and inspire members to get in touch and communicate with us through social media.

All RCN members, including students and healthcare practitioners, can join us and help to make a positive difference in shaping policy and practice around older people's care.

The RCN forum ensures that our work will help meet the RCN's strategic objectives.

2025 Team Deliverables

- Agree and deliver an action plan.
- Develop and maintain RCN resources.
- Contribute to RCN Congress.
- Regular social media updates.
- Grow and engage with membership and promote active membership.
- Contribute to best practices on both a local and national level.
- Provide specialist advice on older people's nursing and nursing people with dementia to the RCN.
- Contribute to consultations.
- Represent the RCN at external events.

Forum Committee Members Roles and Responsibilities

Name	Role	Areas of Interest
Dr Gary Mitchell MBE <i>(Northern Ireland)</i>	Committee Member	Social Care, Care Homes, Dementia, Delirium, Frailty, Parkinson's Disease, Heart Failure, Diabetes, Education.
Stephanie Craig <i>(Northern Ireland)</i>	Chair	Dementia, Stroke, Dementia-Friendly Communities, Nurse Education, Simulation, Care Homes, Delirium, Advance Care Planning, Diabetes, Frailty, Heart Failure.
Sandra Blades	Committee Member	Care Homes, End-of-Life care, Dementia care in the community.
Dio Giotas	Committee Member	Dementia, Delirium and Culture, Preventing Delirium in Older Adults, Adult Social Care, Dementia and Delirium Training and Education, Peri-diagnostic support for people with dementia and/or delirium, co-production with people affected by dementia and/or delirium, Advance Care Planning and Future Care, Cancer, Leisure and Quality of Life and Intersectionality.
Joanne Roche <i>(Wales)</i>	Vice-Chair	Frailty, falls, deconditioning, dementia, delirium, carer support and education, palliative care, end of life care, nutrition and hydration, polypharmacy.
Maritess Murdoch <i>(London)</i>	Committee Member	Ageing well, ageing well for Older Black Asian and Minority ethnic groups (BAME), falls prevention, hydration and nutrition, digital technology, Social Prescribing, Social Care, Workforce Development and Support including nursing associates and internationally educated nurses.