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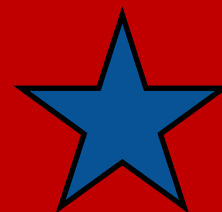
CONGRESS '25

DEBATES • LEARNING • EXHIBITION



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YOUR BRANCH COMMITTEE for 2025



Branch Chair

Catherine Apiaka, nurse at Chadwick lodge working for Elysium Healthcare in Milton Keynes . Supports members as a Learning Rep.



Secretary

Stephen Shouler , a Senior Staff Nurse in the Dermatology Department, in the Outpatients Department at Milton Keynes University Hospital. Supports members as a Steward. Also a member of the RCN stewards committee.



Treasurer (also LGBTQ committee member)

HCA Practice Educator at Milton Keynes University Hospital and support members as an RCN steward and Learning Rep. Also the South East member and Vice Chair of the RCN UK NSW Committee .

#NursingSupportWorkersDay

NSW committee member, Elizabeth Gleeson

Nurse/Student Committee member, Dawn Collis

BAME Committee Member , Abigail Boateng



Come and join us for refreshments and cake at our next
Branch meeting on:

Friday 7th March
2pm-3pm,
Academic Centre,
Milton Keynes University Hospital



Our regional officers
Theresa Curry and
Lisa Costis
visited Milton Keynes
University Hospital on
Tuesday 25th February
to talk to RCN members
about corridor care and any
other concerns they had.





NURSES

ASSISTANT PRACTITIONERS

Student Nurses



Nursing Associates

Healthcare Assistants

Nursing Support workers

Why not attend Congress this year it is always packed full of exciting and interesting debates and matters for discussion.

There will be dynamic key note speakers that include Nicola Ranger General Secretary of the RCN.

There are great networking opportunities and throughout congress and there are all types of wellbeing events.

Anyone can go to as these are not defined by which membership category you are in.

There are also many social events to attend such as the Nursing support Worker and student receptions and the regional dinners . It really is a full packed 5 days .

For more information: <https://www.rcn.org.uk/congress/>

Corridor care: 'Devastating Testimony'

RCN General Secretary and Chief Executive Professor Nicola Ranger said: "This devastating testimony from frontline nursing staff shows patients are coming to harm every day, forced to endure unsafe treatment in corridors, toilets and even rooms usually reserved for families to visit deceased relatives. Vulnerable people are being stripped of their dignity and nursing staff are being denied access to vital lifesaving equipment. We can now categorically say patients are dying in this situation."



[Read our full report](#) to discover the extent of corridor care across the UK, as told by our members.

Whenever you see concerning practices in the workplace, including corridor care, raise a concern in line with your employer's policy. Raising concerns isn't always easy, but it's the right thing to do.

[Read our guide](#) on how to do this, created to help nursing staff based in both NHS and independent health and care settings.

You can find a [package of resources to support you on our website](#), including a template letter, and member checklist to help with raising concerns and more.

More information can be found: <https://www.rcn.org.uk/employment-and-pay/Safe-staffing/Corridor-care>



Student Nurses, Nurses, Healthcare Assistants, Assistant Practitioners, Nursing Associates, Nursing support workers, and Retired members Are you a budding writer, would you like to write an article or share your pictures of activities you are a part of, for the RCN. Then please contact: Sharon.mitchel@mkuh.nhs.uk

Quote of the month

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single minute before starting to improve the world.

Anne Frank

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

Please remember you can email comments, questions, suggestions and articles to Sharon.mitchel@reps.rcn.org.uk