

22. The work on advanced practice will be reflected in the RCN's contribution to the deliberations of the NMC with regards to possible regulation of advanced practice.

Public Policy

23. We recognised that as 2024 is a General Election year it is an opportunity to make the voice of nursing heard through the RCN's manifesto setting out our expectations of a new UK government, as well as parallel work in the devolved nations.
24. We were updated on ongoing public policy work to influence policies that impact on our members. We discussed the [Strikes \(Minimum Service Levels\) Act](#) and the impact that this will have on our members' freedom to strike.
25. We were briefed on the Westminster Hall debate that took place on 31 January led by Kwasi Kwarteng MP on international recruitment into the health and social care sector. The briefing prepared for MPs by the RCN was well used during the debate to shed light on the experiences of some of our internationally recruited members.

RCN Institute of Excellence

26. We received an update on development of the Institute and the five academies that will sit beneath the Institute umbrella. We have agreed that this will be a significant item on the agenda for our next joint meeting with the Trade Union Committee in March.
27. We also received a presentation on the draft RCN Research Strategy which will ensure that the RCN's work, and that of the Institute and its academies, is underpinned by high-quality research to achieve the organisation's strategic goals for the nursing workforce.
28. Subject to a few minor amendments, we expect to receive the final version of the strategy for approval by email shortly following which it will be launched at Congress 2024 in Wales.

Nursing Policy/ Regulatory Reform

29. Following

Forums and Networks

31. We received an update on implementation of the recommendations arising from the [Forums and Networks Review](#). While progress has been slow, improvements have now been made to the way forum steering committees communicate with each other with the rollout of RCN email addresses and access to MS Teams. Additionally, a leadership development programme for Forum Chairs and steering committee members is in the final stages of development, and a number of proposed changes to forums governance processes have been recommended to the Governance Committee.
32. We raised concern previously at the number of red risks relating to the Review and how long implementation was taking. As a Committee we are now reassured that progress is being made in a number of areas. We recognise, however, that the Review was undertaken in 2021 and was reflective of a particular point in time. Now in 2024, we are continuing to engage with the members of our forums to hear their views on how they need to be supported to sustain the significant contribution they make to the professional work of the College.

RCN Congress 2023 Agenda Items

33. We noted the [report published in December](#) on the work arising from Congress 2023 and the timeline for publication of Council's final report to members ahead of Congress 2024. Individual members of PNC continue to provide oversight of those items allocated to the committee.

Governance and Culture Reviews: Joint Partnership Board

34. Paul Trevatt, former Committee member for the London region, joined us to feed back from the Governance and Culture Reviews
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