

SCOTTISH LABOUR DEBATE ON DRAFT BUDGET - WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

Royal College of Nursing

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) is the world's largest professional organisation and trade union for nursing staff, with members in the NHS, independent and third sectors. RCN Scotland promotes patient and nursing interests by campaigning on issues that affect members, shaping national health policies, representing members on practice and employment issues and providing members with learning and development opportunities. With over 40,000 members in Scotland, the RCN is the voice of nursing.

Transparency in Budget process

At a time when budgets and resources are stretched, it is imperative that decisions are placed on a transparent basis. It is imperative that the health system is not wholly dependent on government funding. It can be argued that the health system can be

As in previous years, the health system has limited resources. In the current year, the Scottish Government has announced more funding for the health system. It is imperative that the funding matches the health system's priorities.