



https://www.rcn.org.uk/congress/congress-events/inequality. To date this has resulted in

experience of students regarding ethnic diversity in clinical scenarios and skills teaching: responding to concerns

. This prompted significant discussion at the conference, which has continued across workstreams during the year. Given the significance of the issues around ethnic health inequalities, diagnosis and treatments, the committee are looking to take this forward as a significant workstream in the coming year.

The core activity for the forum committee each year is the organisation and delivery of the Annual RON Education Forum National Conference & Exhibition. For this year, the focus of the Conference was

workforce for the future which took place at the Birmingham Conference and Events Centre, 25-26 April 2023. Keynote speakers addressed workforce education across health and social care sectors and included: Deborah Sturdy CBE Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care DHSC. Professor Mark Radford CBE Deputy Chief Nursing Officer & National Director of Intensive Support, Former Chief Nurse of Health Education England. Paula McGowan OBE Founder of the Oliver McGowan Campaign. Professor Winifred Booh, Professor of Nursing School of Health & Social Care, University of Essex (Dare to Care programme) https://www.essex.ac.uk/departments/health-and-social-care/dare-to-care.

Final delegate attendance 380, with 70 on the waiting list. This was the largest delegates numbers for this conference to date. There was also an increase in non-member attendance in comparison with previous years (29% versus 15-20% previously). Topic (69%) followed by Networking (63%) were the main reasons behind delegate attendance. 82% scored speakers between 8 and 10/10. 87% stated that the conference exceeded or met expectations. 181 abstracts submitted a 57% increase on 2022.

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workforce which can develop and deliver strategies, redesign services and co-produce care capable of addressing inequalities and improving health outcomes. Increasing demands for health and care services and the need to address workforce shortages and skills, in the context of ever-growing complexity of health needs and imperative for more integrated services, means that the need for high quality professional education and training has never been greater. Engagement with this conference is looking promising with a significant increase in abstract numbers submitted (232).

- Ø Visibility of Forum through Congress activity.
- Ø EDI agenda in nursing education, through a Forum Governance Group (FGG) bid to support developing and signposting to resources to support dinical skills teaching that account for differences in presentation across ethnic groups.
- Ø Developing and supporting best practice in nursing education through the Annual RON Education Forum National Conference and Exhibition, planned for 23 & 24 April 2024 at York Racecourse.



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