

## Fertility Nursing Forum

The Fertility Nursing Forum is dedicated to supporting the needs of nurses, midwives, registered nursing associates and health care support workers working in fertility care across the NHS and the independent sector. We aim to provide nursing expertise to the RCN and help shape national policy, taking account of the requirements of all four countries across the UK.

Francesca Steyn (Chair), Anne Howard (Deputy Chair), Buki Fatuga, Niki Konsta and Kate Pleave (resigned June 2023) and Pamela Morrison (resigned January 2023).

The Forum would also like to thank Jane Denton FRCN for her continued & valued support. The

fertility care and urology and in collaboration with the BFS, British association of urological nursing (BAUN), British Infertility Counselling Association (BICA) and Fertility Network UK (FNUK). This guidance went to publication in October 2023 and Anne and Francesca will be presenting this work at Fertility 2024 – the annual fertility conference hosted by the British Fertility Society (BFS), The Association of reproductive clinical scientists (ARCS) and the Society for reproduction and fertility (SRF).

- Ø The forum has also been working on ultrasound guidelines for fertility nurses throughout the year and this project has been led by Francesca Steyn. The project team included those with experience and knowledge in ultrasound across the sector and in collaboration with the Women's Health forum and the British Fertility Society. The project, having taken on board stakeholder feedback requires further work, and this will continue into 2024.
- Ø A Consensus statement looking at the Impact assessment of the Education and Career Progression Framework for Fertility Nursing was also published in April 2023 following on the round table discussions and project work on this throughout 2022 and 2023.
- Ø Our Fertility care and emotional wellbeing publication was reviewed and updated by Buki Fatuga, Anne Howard, Francesca Steyn, the Chair of the British Infertility Counselling

In addition, Buki Fatuga represented the forum and presented a 'caring for carers' item on the learning and wellbeing programme in collaboration with the Midwifery and Women's Health forums. Buki attended congress as our forum voting member.

Our annual fertility nursing conference took

