

RCN Forum Annual Report 2023

Forum Name: Gastrointestinal Forum

Chair: Kathy Whayman

Steering Committee Members: Alison Ball, Claire Coughlan, Julie Duncan, Rebekah Hill and Cathy Regan, Lisa Whitley.

Introduction:

As a forum, we have continued with the three central elements in our strategy - 3 Ls: Listening, Learning and Leading. The steering committee convenes every 6 weeks online to review our work based on this strategy and all projects and forum activity are underpinned by at least one of these elements. This is on the RCN forum website, and we continue to have positive feedback from our members that it closely reflects what they want from the committee and wider RCN. Members know about the strategy and can see the work we are doing via the 'our work' section on the website.

Our aim is to: LISTEN, LEARN & LEAD in gastrointestinal nursing at a local, national & international level. Using this strategy, we aim to work in collaboration with other forums and networks to share best practice, disseminate evidence, improve patient care, innovate, provide a strong nursing voice, and influence the development of this dynamic and wide-ranging specialty.

Listening

- Communication
- Networking

excellent working partnership. steering committee member Rebekah has a place within the editorial board and committee members are regular reviewers. We provide a regular update column and are writing regularly on different topics affecting GI Nursing, and links with social media as well as participating in the annual conference. Forum members continue to obtain a discount on subscription to the journal and get support with writing for publication.

We are proud of our listening capabilities and our career section on the RCN GI forum website helps us celebrate the diversity of GI nursing and opportunities our speciality brings. This has had a good “hit rate” and we continue to advocate its use on our social media pages. By doing so, we have been asked a number of times for

5. GI competencies project -

Sally Basset for leadership, support and guidance. We appreciate your advice and expertise. Thankyou.

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