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Forum purpose (vision):

- To engage RCN members across the UK with the history of nursing
- To support and promote general interest, research, and education in the history of nursing, midwifery, and health visiting.
- To promote and develop the study of the history of nursing through discussion and debate.
- To organise RCN History of Nursing events to promote the work of the forum and to disseminate research, study, and

items belonging to iconic nursing leaders such as Florence Nightingale, RCN co-founder Sarah Swift and Trevor Clay.

The History of Nursing Forum reports to the Forums Governance Group (FGG); this positions the work of the forum within the decision making of the RCN and provides an opportunity to highlight the contribution that the history of nursing can make to contemporary nursing research, education, and practice. It promotes collaborative working across the forums.

The RCN Library and Archive Service Joint Head acts as Adviser to the forum which helps bring our members and our historic collections together, providing opportunities for collaborative projects in the network of history societies that flourish across the UK.

The forum works in partnership with external bodies and groups that lead on nursing history including:

- The <u>UK Association of History of Nursing</u> (UKAHN) a network for nursing historians, a number of whom are not eligible for RCN membership.
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