

Key messages from the RCN Northern Ireland Board meeting

22 May 2023

- 1 In her opening remarks, the Board Chair noted the resignation of Kelly McConkey from Board membership following her decision to resign her position as a member of RCN Council. A process for electing a member from Northern Ireland to RCN Council will begin shortly. The Board Chair also welcomed Ruth Thompson (Assistant Director, Nursing Policy and Practice) to her first Board meeting in her new role.
- 2 The Board Chair complimented members for a highly successful Northern Ireland presence at RCN Congress in Brighton the previous week. This included members from Northern Ireland taking to the stage in support of the

- 9 It was reported to the Board that the Assistant Director, Employment Relations and Member Services would be presenting oral evidence to the House of Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on Wednesday 24 May 2023, further to a recent written submission made by the RCN to the committee's inquiry into the funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland.
- 10 A verbal update was provided on the recent RCN UK Joint Reps conference.
- 11 The Board received a further update on nursing in the independent sector and the position of nurses working in primary care. The Board received and noted a paper on the introduction of the Prince of Wales Cadet Scheme in Northern Ireland.
- 12 The Board received and noted various written reports on the work of RCN Council, the RCN Trade Union Committee, the RCN UK Professional Nursing Committee, the RCN UK Nursing Support Workers Committee and the RCN UK Student Committee. The Board welcomed RCN accredited representatives Amanda Smith and Francis Lavery for the presentation of verbal reports on the work of the RCN UK Stewards Committee and the RCN UK Learning Representatives Committee respectively.
- 13 The Board noted business reports from the Director and the Board Chair.
- 14 The next meeting of the Board will take