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It was noted that some local Facebook groups were received very positively, where as other branches had less positive experience. Some branches felt that these groups were helpful to advertise events, connect with the independent sector and highlight other news.

7. Policy Update

7.1 Nicola Gordon, Policy Manager, spoke to this paper. The Board noted the new consultation process and the launch of a policy hub.

8. Nursing & Midwifery Taskforce

8.1 This item was taken in the Close Session of Board

9. Council Update

9.1 The Council member spoke this item. It is ant. Update on Congress items from the 2023 meeting. There was also a presentation regarding the visa fees increase which will impact internationally recruited nurses. Update was received on the Finance report which an anticipated uplift in fees and the Board noted the risks relating to this. There were a number of projects that had been put on hold due to funding issues, although the RCN is in a reasonable position. It was anticipated that next year Council ~~will~~ meet quarterly.

10. Trade Union Committee Report

10.1 The Committee member asked the Board to note the progress on the ERD work plan. It was noted that the Case Management System will be under review in 2024. It is important to capture the ~~case~~ new work work. In relation to EDI, this work has been a little slow to start but a new Committee has been developed which contains one member of Council and representatives from the Committees. GDPR training supports risk assurance within the organisation. It is very important for reps to complete their training ~~work~~ has been undertaken, but more work is to be done. There were 78 people identified in Scotland who had not undertaken the training, since the reminder this number has reduced to around 47. Branch officials are sent a link to the training regardless of whether they are representatives. It was agreed that information will be sent to the Board members on GDPR training. The Safety Committee is now called the Health & Safety Committee.

11. Professional Nursing Committee Report

11.1 The report was noted.

12. Nursing Support Worker Committee Report

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