

RCN Scotland Board meeting 3 March 2023: Branch Briefing

Dear Colleagues

We held another very successful RCN Scotland Board meeting on the 3 March 2023.

There were very interesting discussions on a wide range of topics, and I hope that the information provided below is helpful for you.

Please get in touch with the RCN Scotland team if you have any queries or suggestions.

Thank you for all your continued work and support.

Best Wishes

Julie

Julie Lamberth
Chair, RCN Scotland Board

Performance report and Director's update

Director Colin Poolman provided a comprehensive report on all aspects of RCN Scotland's work during the quarter September – December 2022. NHS pay was a significant focus for the quarter with pay negotiations.

Pay

RCN Scotland consultation on the Scottish Government's NHS Agenda for Change pay offer opened on 28 February 2023. Some members have significant reservations regarding the offer and the Board were asked to encourage members to look at the whole of the offer and consider in particular to the long term aspects of the non-pay offer which will benefit the future of nursing and nursing staff. The Board agreed it wanted to encourage all relevant members to vote in this important consultation.

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Congress

The number of members applying to attend Congress in Brighton this year (14-

position to influence MSPs. The Scottish Government plans to use a 'co-design' approach and therefore there is a lack of clarity regarding specifics. It is anticipated that the National Care Service Committee will publish their report