

Key Messages of the Closed Session of the  
meeting held on 19 February 2021

Via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Dave Dawes	Council Member
Andrea Willimott	Board Member
Stephen Wenham	Board Member
Hollie Jarvis	Board Member
Joshua Gilroy	Board Member
Carmel O'Boyle (Chair)	Board Member
Mark Anthony (Vice Chair)	Board Member
Mike Travis	Trade Union Committee
Lauren Mawson	Board Member
Sharon Mason	Board Member
Alan Finnegan	Board Member
Roshanak Valizadeh	Board Member
Zoe Ahearne	Board Member
Jill Lloyd	Board Administrator
Estephanie Dunn	Board Secretary
In attendance:	
Danielle Scapens	Communications Manager
Paul Wood	Operational Manager
Apologies	
Sally Young	Professional Nursing Committee
Observers	
Maggy Heaton	UK Steward Committee
James Savage	UK Student Committee

## Key Messages

### New Board Membership

The configuration of the North West Board has changed considerably, and the new members were warmly welcomed. Please click on the link below to find out the names of our current Board members.

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/northwest/about/regional-board>

### Board Funding

Jill Lloyd, Board Administrator, informed the Board that the allocation for funding this year was £22,023. Branches are actively encouraged to consider

making a bid for funding to the Board. Bids should be made in a timely manner and with as much detail as possible to allow the Board to make an informed decision or to seek further clarification from the Branch. If Branches need further information or a copy of the bidding form then please contact Jill Lloyd – [jill.lloyd@rcn.org.uk](mailto:jill.lloyd@rcn.org.uk)

### Congress

Congress has been postponed from May to September. A communication had gone out to the membership telling them the new dates for Congress are 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September. It is hoped that Congress can be a face to face event, but virtual options are also being explored. A final decision will be made by Council in April as to whether a face to face event will be possible.

### AGM

The AGM will be held virtually on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It was noted that the membership would be asked to vote on whether the RCN should re-join the International Council of Nurses.

### SSEC update

Paul Wood, Operations Manager, gave an update on the current campaign. He explained that the campaign was going to evolve over several years. A change in legislation was not the primary goal but acknowledged that this may happen along the way. The region leads previously in place have ended and the lead for the campaign has been picked up by the Professional Nursing Committee (PNC). The PNC has compiled a set of workforce standards, which would be a framework of reference for all employers. The document is awaiting sign off and a rollout plan will be agreed. It is hoped that these standards will be a valuable resource for members to raise and escalate concerns.