

Minutes of the Closed Session of the meeting held on 27 May 2021

Via Microsoft Teams

Present:

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:	
Kelly Dooley	Communications Manager
Paul Wood	Operational Manager
Apologies	
Dave Dawes	Council Member
Andrea Willimott	Board Member
Stephen Wenham	Board Member
Sally Young	Professional Committee

Key Messages

RCN Group Education Strategy

Dr Nicky Ashby, Head of Professional Learning and Development, joined the meeting to give background to the development of the strategy, and in particular about the exploratory engagement process undertaken to develop and deliver an education, learning and development strategy led by RCN members.

UK Pay Deal

Mike Travis, as member of the Trade Union Committee, gave an overview on the current position regarding the pay campaign. We are still awaiting the outcome on the Pay Review Body decision. Further details available on RCN website <https://www.rcn.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/fair-pay-for-nursing>

Lots of work going on behind the scenes to ensure that our member data is as up to date as it possibly can be. This will ensure we can reach as many members as possible if we need to go to a ballot. We need encourage members to keep their own personal/employers details up to date via MyRCN. <https://my.rcn.org.uk/>

Estephanie Dunn also shared with the Board that we have launched a UK Pay Programme and we have set up a North West Sub Committee, which includes Estephanie, as Chair, Operational Manager, Communications Manager, RCN Officer, Board Chair, TUC member, PNC member. Board members will also engage. Carmel O'Boyle, Chair of the Board, would also like to engage Branch Executives with this process and a meeting is to be arranged between herself and the Executives as soon as possible.

North West Regional Conference

The Conference is planned for 28th July 2021 from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm via Microsoft Teams. The title is Long COVID, Navigating the Unknown. Booking process will be opening soon but please hold the date in diaries.

National Safe Staffing Activity

Paul Wood, Staff Lead for the North West, gave a presentation on the Priorities in respect of the campaign for 2021. The presentation captured the member engagement to date, summarised the political influencing, policy activity and comms activity. It also highlighted what a beneficial tool the Workforce Standards is.

We are looking to set up a working group that can focus on one local staffing issue that can be pursued with members. Carmel, as Board Chair, felt it would be good to engage with Branch Executives on this issue and as previously mentioned, would like a meeting to be arranged to facilitate this as soon as possible