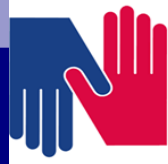


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Branch Annual General meeting (AGM)

The branch AGM) took place on the Friday 22nd of October 2021. All branch members were invited via email and booking was available on the regional branch page. Adverts were put out on all social media outlets and the local branch face-book page.

During this meeting the chair gave a report on the last year in post and how covid has impacted on plans.

The treasurer report was given that showed the branch funds allocated to it for the year 2021 had yet to be used.

The treasurer explained that the LGBTQ event held during the summer was funded personally by the chair and the cupcakes were donated by the cake kitchen.

The ratification of the local reps took place and you will see a list of these on the region branch intranet page.

The committee nominations were held and the new committee will be appointed from January 2022.

New positions were suggested on the committee and these were agreed so there is now a Student nurse/ HCA , LGBTQ and BAME committee member.

FAIR PAY
FOR NURSING



**Vote in the ballot by 30th of November,
for you, and your patients.**

RCN members in England who are working in the NHS have made it clear that the 3% pay award is unacceptable.

Now it's time to tell us what you want to do next. Vote in the RCN's indicative ballot before 30 November 2021.

If you are an RCN member working in the NHS on an Agenda for Change contract, you will be asked what industrial action you would be willing to take, if any, and whether you would be supportive of colleagues taking industrial action if you don't wish to do so.

Fair pay is vital to improving staffing levels and providing safe care.

Go to **rcn.org.uk/MyRCN** today to make sure your details are correct so that the ballot reaches you. You can only take part in the ballot if the RCN can confirm that you work in England and your workplace and employer mean you're employed in the NHS on an Agenda for Change contract.

The indicative ballot will be conducted online. Look out for an email from Civica Election Services and use the unique link to vote: RCN@cesvotes.com



Healthcare Assistants and Assistant Practitioners

We might have assistant in our titles but many of us practise autonomously and all of us carry out essential nursing work which has a huge impact on our patients' lives.

Our work has gone unrecognised for too long. We're the backbone of health and social care settings in Milton Keynes.

We play a critical role in securing high-quality care and excellent outcomes for patients, so we are going to use our day to tell everyone what we do.

There will be a virtual event run by region that you can attend, information will be on the RCN website. Look out for your local reps on the day who will be out and about giving out goodie bags designed just for you.

There may also be a few surprises on the day for HCAs at MKUH.

**Student Nurses, Nurses, Healthcare assistants,
Assistant Practitioners, Nursing Associates
and retired members, are you a budding writer, would you like to
write an article or share your pictures of activities you are involved
in as part of the RCN Then please contact:
Sharon.mitchel@mkuh.nhs.uk**

**Next Branch meeting is: 3pm-4pm 25th November 2021
Please contact sharon.mitchel@mkuh.nhs.uk if you would like the
teams link.**

Quote of the month

"ISN'T THAT THE GREATEST
THING THAT YOU COULD
POSSIBLY TEACH ONE OF
YOUR STUDENTS? I MEAN,
WOULD YOU RATHER THEM
REMEMBER THAT ONE
CHAPTER OF THE
TEXTBOOK YOU TAUGHT
THEM — OR DO YOU WANT
THEM TO REMEMBER THAT
YOU TAUGHT THEM TO BE A
GOOD PERSON? THE BEST
MENTORS IN MY LIFE
TAUGHT ME THAT, NO
MATTER HOW SUCCESSFUL
I BECAME, TO BE NICE TO
EVERYBODY, FROM THE TOP
TO THE BOTTOM."
- LADY GAGA



Your Branch Committee are:

Chair Sharon Mitchel
HCA Practice Educator MKUH
Learning & Development Rep



Secretary Stephen Shouler
Dermatology nurse MKUH
Learning Rep/Steward



Treasurer Dawn Collis
Sister AMU MKUH



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