



# RCN RESEARCH

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# WEST MIDLANDS REGION

5.6 million people

17% population aged 65  
and over (higher than  
UK average)

West  
Midlands

13.6% of working age  
people have no  
qualification, the highest  
proportion in England

19.5% of population is  
aged under 16, 2nd  
highest proportion in  
England after London

# RCN WEST MIDLANDS

38,000  
members

Over 800 per  
year

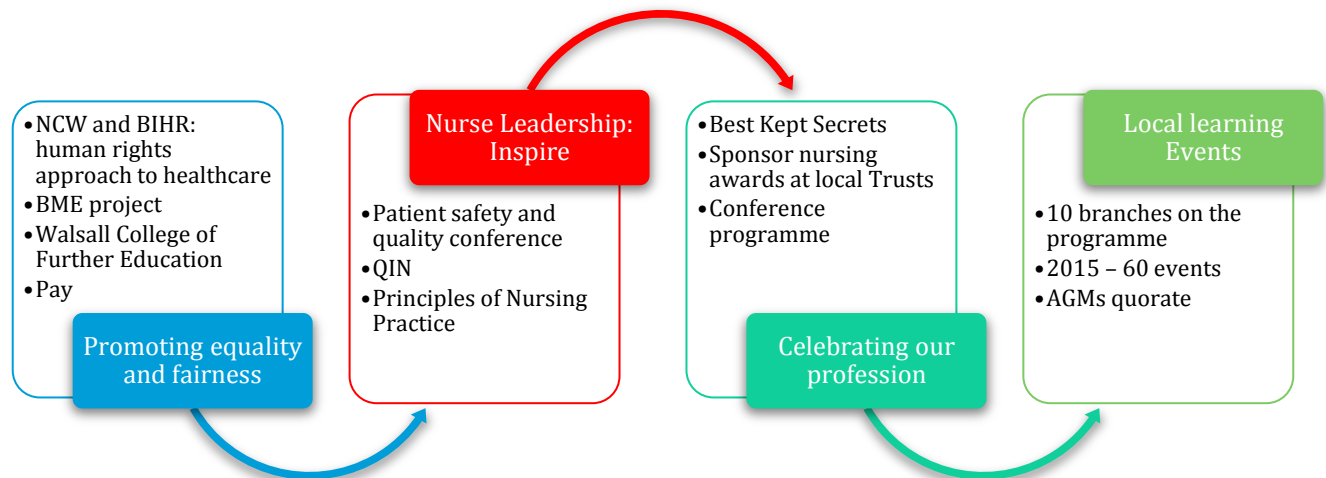
Third of case  
work managed  
by stewards

124 reps

10 branches

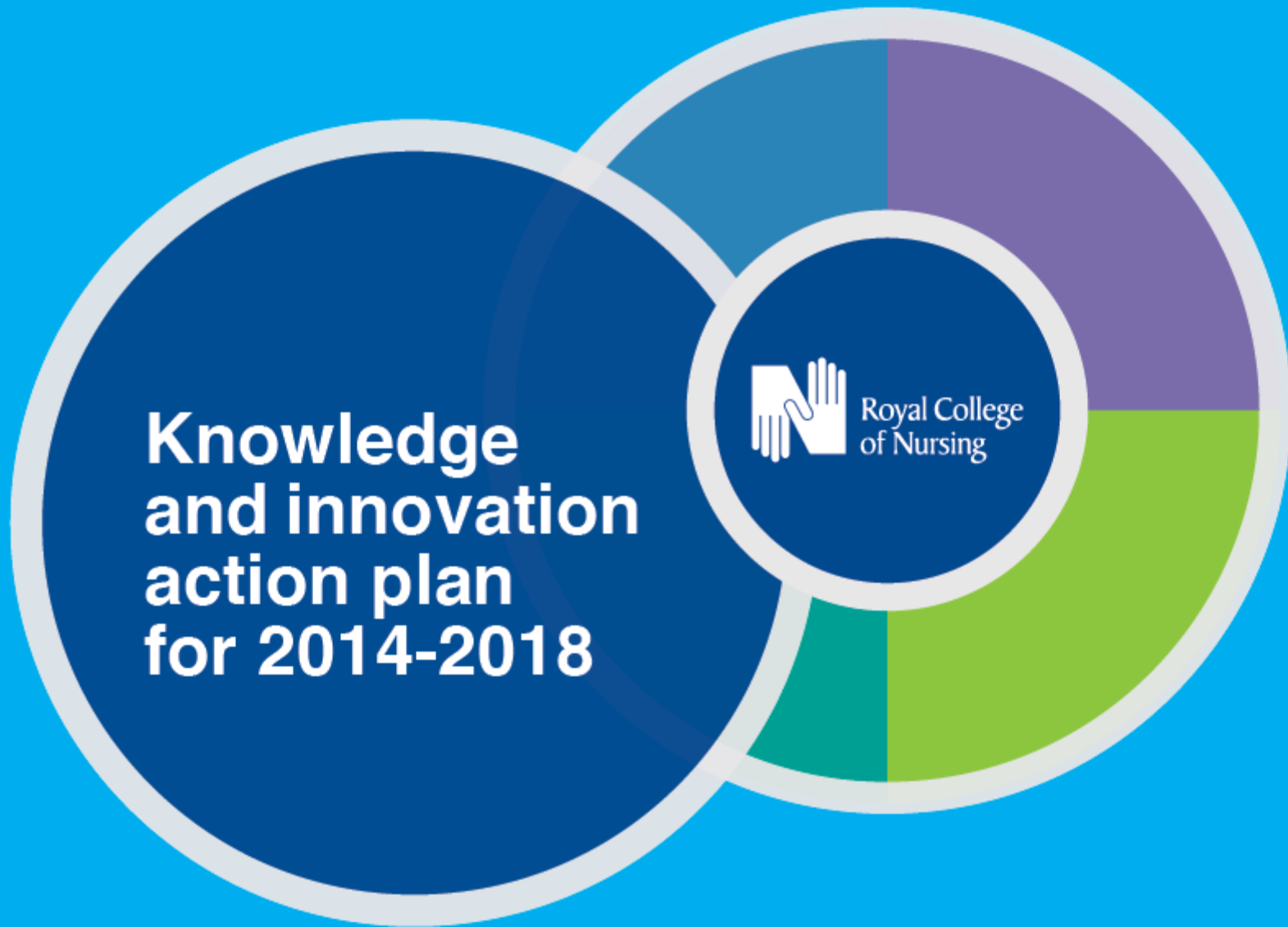
Regional Board  
overseeing  
work

# WORK OF RCN WEST MIDLANDS



# KEY STAKEHOLDERS





What is it? Where did it come from? What difference will it make?

## Our vision

# Developing nurses and nursing through knowledge and innovation to transform care

“For more than 50 years the Royal College of Nursing has actively engaged in research, recognising its critical relationship with excellence. High quality nursing research and support to innovate and use evidence in practice, enables nurses and those who work with them to develop new knowledge and nursing practice, and to ultimately transform patient care”

Peter Carter and Andrea Spyropoulos, 2014

# OUR CHALLENGE

- ⦿ An increasingly diverse ageing population living with diseases no longer considered acute and life threatening
- ⦿ Changing ambitions for and models of care to reflect new demands
- ⦿ Evolving and developing nursing to effectively respond to these changes and new patient needs
- ⦿ Easy access to actionable evidence to develop practice and care environments
- ⦿ Turning ideas into action and use evidence to respond to the issues that matter most to patients, e.g. symptom management, health promotion and prevention, and nursing interventions that enhance well being and quality of life
- ⦿ Public expectations of nursing and the RCN role in enhancing the profession and the public's view



# OUR RESPONSE

- © working *together* over the coming years, we are aiming for a fully research-literate nursing staff and a robust nursing evidence base for all practice settings
- © We are determined to maximize the opportunity for knowledge to positively impact on the care experienced by patients and their families, and ensure our members gain fully from the support we offer to their decision making as professionals
- © We are significantly increasing our members' access to the right standards, knowledge and information to support high quality care and drive improvements in practice
- © The plan and its implementation will help us to realise our goal of transforming care through USING, BUILDING, ASSURING and SHARING knowledge

# WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL IT MAKE?

## Developing nurses and nursing through knowledge and innovation to transform care ensures:

- ⦿ Patients, service users and carers express the value and positive difference nursing knowledge and skills makes to their experience of care
- ⦿ Nursing care is person centred, safe and effective because decisions and actions are based on evidence
- ⦿ RNs and HCSWs contribute to the continuing development of nursing knowledge in partnership with patients, service users and carers
- ⦿ RNs and HCSWs are decision makers locally, nationally and internationally, whose use of evidence and knowledge in making decisions is consistent and valued
- ⦿ RNs, HCSWs, the public, patients, service users and carers choose the RCN as a preferred and trusted source of nursing knowledge
- ⦿ The RCN is identified as a champion of nursing excellence through knowledge and innovation and their translation into practice.

# RCN FOUNDATION

**The RCN Foundation supports the needs of nurses, midwives and health care assistants as well as nursing students**

## **What we do**

- ⦿ As a registered charity we help individuals to develop their practice so that they can provide the very best possible advice, support and care to patients. We achieve this through awarding project grants and bursaries.
- ⦿ Additionally, our hardship funding provides assistance to members of the nursing team in times of need, providing that extra support they may need to get their lives back on track.

## **How we can help**

- ⦿ **Project grants**  
Our Grants Programme provides funding for clinical research and supports innovative projects which make a difference to service development and the safety, quality and dignity of patient care.
- ⦿ **Bursary schemes**  
Our scholarships and bursaries fund a wide variety of learning and development opportunities, providing the support individuals need to make a difference to quality patient care

# BURSARY: MONICA BALLY

## BURSARY - NOW OPEN

The Monica Bally Bursary is awarded annually for the promotion of scholarship in nursing history. The bursary is for a minimum of £300 and a maximum of £1,000 which the winner can use to undertake activities related to the history of nursing, including courses, projects, or research.

### **Eligibility Criteria for this scheme:**

Applications are welcome from those who wish to focus on the history of nursing.

Those who wish to apply must:

- ⦿ be UK-registered nurses or UK-based nursing students
- ⦿ be commencing, or continuing, the activity for which funding is sought between October 2015 and October 2016

Closing date: 6 July 2015

How to apply: Please download the [application form](#) and [application guidelines](#)

Previous recipients of a Monica Bally bursary are not eligible to apply again within four years of their award.

First time applicants may be given priority.



# BURSARY: RCN FOUNDATION HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT AWARDS

**Awards are available for funding course fees, study day fees or awarding body registration fees.**

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. However applicants should apply well ahead of their proposed study/activity as it could take up to 8 weeks to advise the outcomes of applications. The maximum amount awarded will not exceed £250.

Please note that there is a limit to the amount of funding available and not all applications will be successful.

The Awards are open to Health Care Assistants\* who meet all the following criteria:

- ⦿ A vocational qualification in health and care
- ⦿ Fully completed application form
- ⦿ Rationale/reasons for educational activity included, clearly identifying nature of activity and the potential impact on patient care
- ⦿ Written support from manager either included with application or sent under separate cover

# RCN FOUNDATION PROFESSIONAL BURSARY SCHEME

**Bursaries to support individuals in learning and development activities that enhance patient care, patient experience, and development in nursing practice.**

This scheme is currently closed but will reopen for applications later in 2015. Offered twice a year, bursaries of up to £5,000 are available for activities which focus on:

- ◉ primary care nursing, and/or long term/chronic conditions

(This includes, for example, obesity, mental health, children's/young people's services, older people and dementia.)

Open to all nurses and midwives currently registered in the UK, and health care assistants/assistant practitioners based in the UK, who will be undertaking their learning and development in the UK.

Applicants must be

- ◉ - nurses/midwives currently registered in the UK or health care assistants/assistant practitioners based in the UK
- will be undertaking their learning and development activity in the UK

# RCN FOUNDATION AND FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE FOUNDATION TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

- ⦿ This is a new opportunity for nurses and midwives wishing to demonstrate the role of clinical leadership in the management of long term conditions.
- ⦿ We would be particularly interested in applicants who wish to travel and study new models of care, patient safety and improvement projects, and bring back evidence to improve the care of people with long term conditions in their local community and the wider UK.
- ⦿ Anticipated opening date: Now Open
- ⦿ Anticipated closing date: July 2015
- ⦿ How to apply: Please visit <http://www.florence-nightingale-foundation.org.uk/content/page/35/>

# RCN FOUNDATION WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF NEEDLEMAKERS EDUCATIONAL BURSARIES

Open to all nurses and midwives currently registered in the UK who will be implementing their learning and development. Available annually, bursaries of up to £1,000 to assist with funding learning and development activities that enhance patient care in one or more of the following areas:

- ⊙ acute and emergency care
- ⊙ maternity services
- ⊙ orthopaedic and trauma care
- ⊙ pain management
- ⊙ palliative care
- ⊙ practice nursing including travel health
- ⊙ public health
- ⊙ surgical nursing

Anticipated opening date: December 2015/Anticipated Closing date: January 2016.

How to apply: application forms and guidance information will be available on RCN Foundation web pages



# KERSHAW FAMILY BURSARY FOR HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS AND ASSISTANT PRACTITIONERS

Bursaries of up to £500 for health care assistants and assistant practitioners to encourage and support them in furthering their careers. Applicants must have an activity in mind which will improve the quality of life for their patient(s). This could be a project or fees for attending a course or conference to learn new skills to benefit patients.

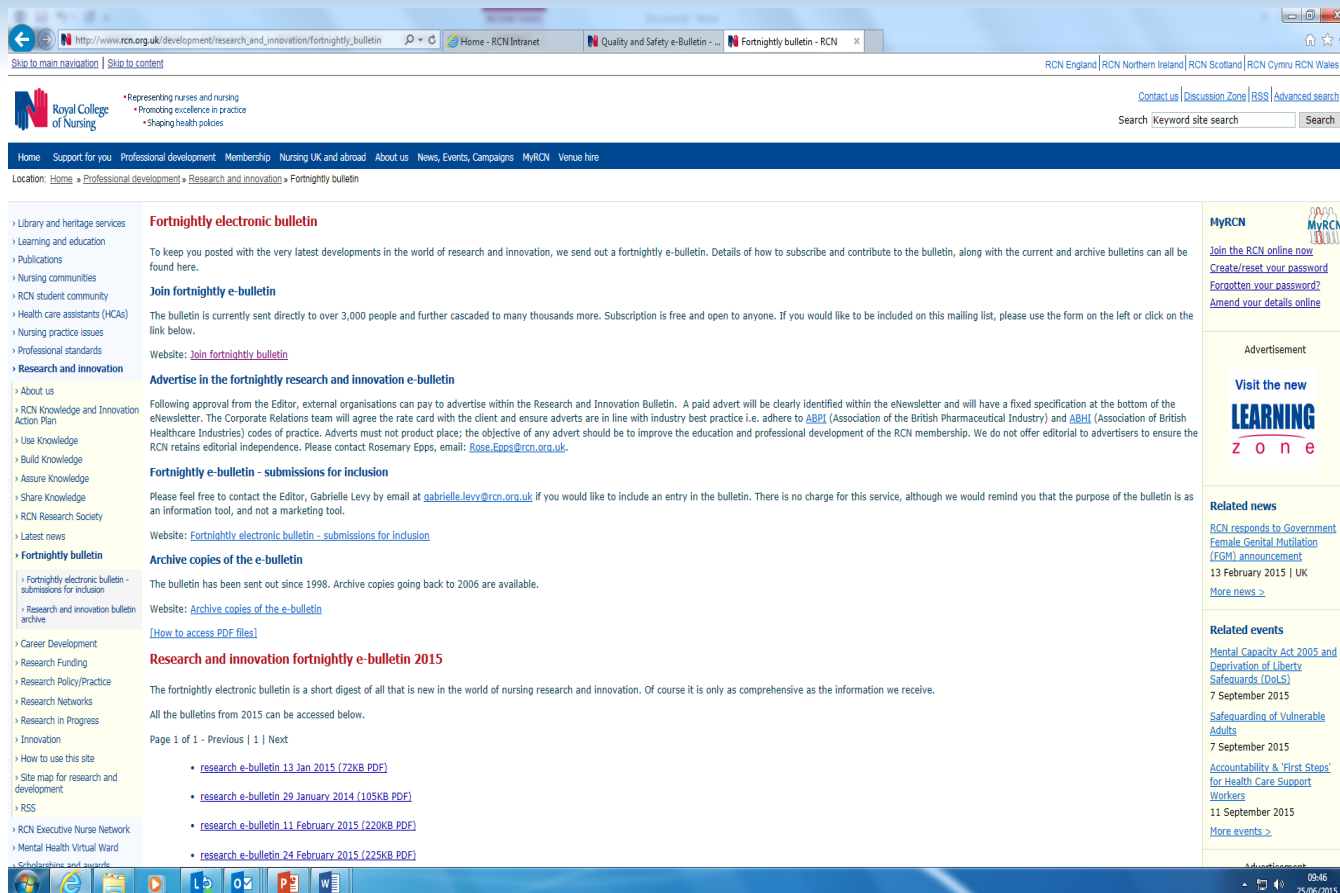
Application information and guidance will be available on RCN Foundation webpages when the scheme opens

Anticipated opening date: December 2015/Anticipated closing date: January 2016.

# PROJECT GRANTS

- ⊙ Library and Heritage Centre – awarded 2012
- ⊙ York University Research Project – awarded 2013
- ⊙ Dementia project – awarded 2012

# RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FORTNIGHTLY E-BULLETIN 2015



The screenshot shows the RCN Research and Innovation Fortnightly e-bulletin 2015 webpage. The page is titled "Fortnightly electronic bulletin" and contains information about the bulletin, including how to subscribe, how to advertise, and how to submit for inclusion. The page is organized into sections: "Fortnightly electronic bulletin", "Join fortnightly e-bulletin", "Advertise in the fortnightly research and innovation e-bulletin", "Fortnightly e-bulletin - submissions for inclusion", "Archive copies of the e-bulletin", and "Research and innovation fortnightly e-bulletin 2015". The page also features a sidebar with links to various RCN resources and a footer with navigation links.

**Fortnightly electronic bulletin**

To keep you posted with the very latest developments in the world of research and innovation, we send out a fortnightly e-bulletin. Details of how to subscribe and contribute to the bulletin, along with the current and archive bulletins can all be found here.

**Join fortnightly e-bulletin**

The bulletin is currently sent directly to over 3,000 people and further cascaded to many thousands more. Subscription is free and open to anyone. If you would like to be included on this mailing list, please use the form on the left or click on the link below.

Website: [Join fortnightly bulletin](#)

**Advertise in the fortnightly research and innovation e-bulletin**

Following approval from the Editor, external organisations can pay to advertise within the Research and Innovation Bulletin. A paid advert will be clearly identified within the eNewsletter and will have a fixed specification at the bottom of the eNewsletter. The Corporate Relations team will agree the rate card with the client and ensure adverts are in line with industry best practice i.e. adhere to [ABPI](#) (Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry) and [ABHI](#) (Association of British Healthcare Industries) codes of practice. Adverts must not product place; the objective of any advert should be to improve the education and professional development of the RCN membership. We do not offer editorial to advertisers to ensure the RCN retains editorial independence. Please contact Rosemary Epps, email: [Rose.Epps@rcn.org.uk](mailto:Rose.Epps@rcn.org.uk).

**Fortnightly e-bulletin - submissions for inclusion**

Please feel free to contact the Editor, Gabrielle Levy by email at [gabrielle.levy@rcn.org.uk](mailto:gabrielle.levy@rcn.org.uk) if you would like to include an entry in the bulletin. There is no charge for this service, although we would remind you that the purpose of the bulletin is as an information tool, and not a marketing tool.

Website: [Fortnightly electronic bulletin - submissions for inclusion](#)

**Archive copies of the e-bulletin**

The bulletin has been sent out since 1998. Archive copies going back to 2006 are available.

Website: [Archive copies of the e-bulletin](#)

[\[How to access PDF files\]](#)

**Research and innovation fortnightly e-bulletin 2015**

The fortnightly electronic bulletin is a short digest of all that is new in the world of nursing research and innovation. Of course it is only as comprehensive as the information we receive.

All the bulletins from 2015 can be accessed below.

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- [research e-bulletin 13 Jan 2015 \(72KB PDF\)](#)
- [research e-bulletin 29 January 2014 \(105KB PDF\)](#)
- [research e-bulletin 11 February 2015 \(220KB PDF\)](#)
- [research e-bulletin 24 February 2015 \(225KB PDF\)](#)

**Related news**

[RCN responds to Government Female Genital Mutilation \(FGM\) announcement](#)  
13 February 2015 | UK  
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**Related events**

[Mental Capacity Act 2005 and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards \(DoLS\)](#)  
7 September 2015  
[Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults](#)  
7 September 2015  
[Accountability & 'First Steps' for Health Care Support Workers](#)  
11 September 2015  
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# RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

[http://www.rcn.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/78609/002279.pdf](http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/78609/002279.pdf)

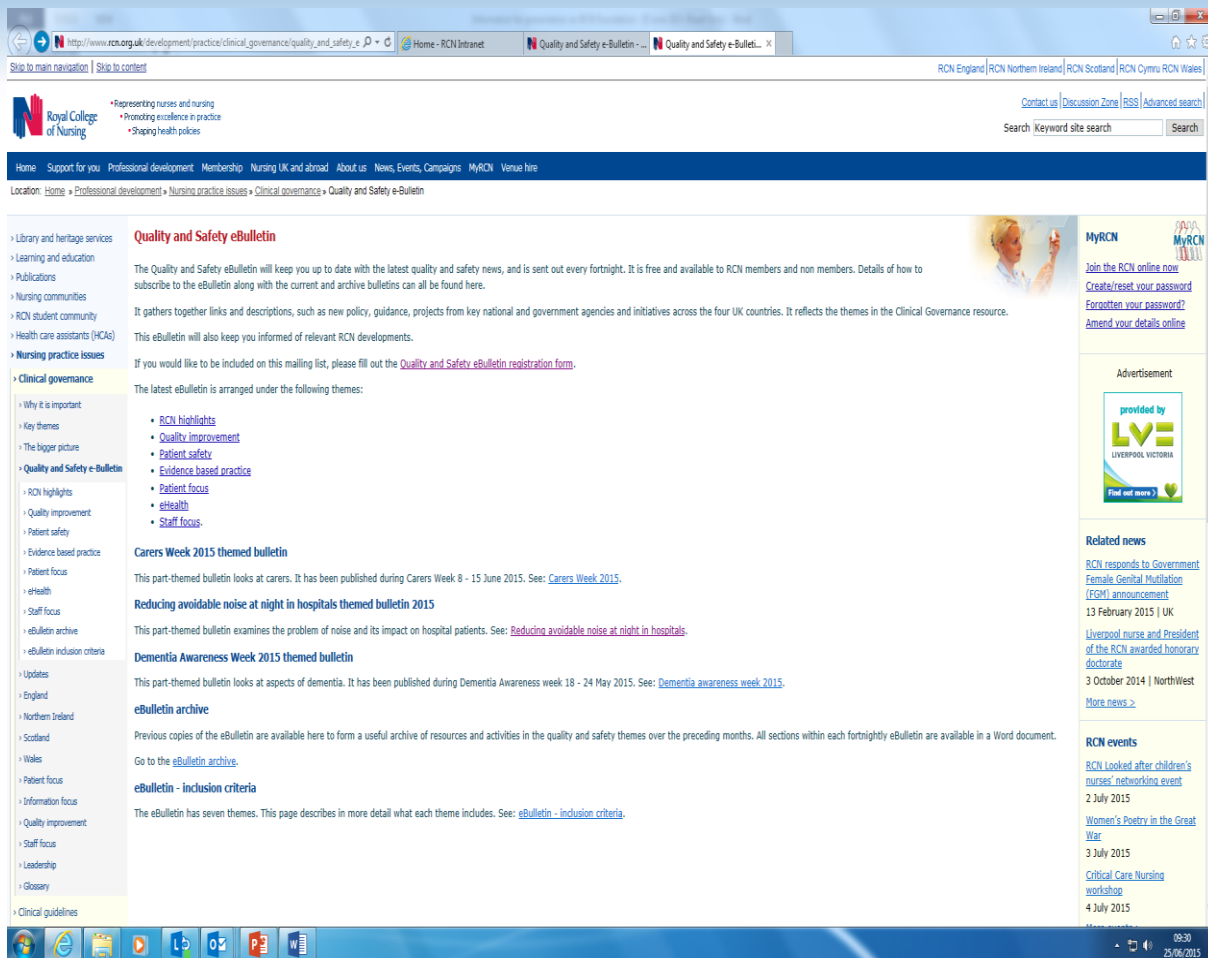
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Promoting excellence in care  
through research and development

*an RCN position statement*

# QUALITY AND SAFETY E- BULLETIN: [TINYURL.COM/KX5PM55](http://tinyurl.com/kx5pm55)



The screenshot shows the RCN Quality and Safety e-Bulletin website. The header includes the RCN logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled "Quality and Safety eBulletin" and provides information about the bulletin's purpose and how to subscribe. A sidebar on the left lists various topics and resources. The right sidebar features an advertisement for LVE Liverpool Victoria and a section for related news and RCN events.

**Quality and Safety eBulletin**

The Quality and Safety eBulletin will keep you up to date with the latest quality and safety news, and is sent out every fortnight. It is free and available to RCN members and non members. Details of how to subscribe to the eBulletin along with the current and archive bulletins can all be found here.

It gathers together links and descriptions, such as new policy, guidance, projects from key national and government agencies and initiatives across the four UK countries. It reflects the themes in the Clinical Governance resource.

This eBulletin will also keep you informed of relevant RCN developments.

If you would like to be included on this mailing list, please fill out the [Quality and Safety eBulletin registration form](#).

The latest eBulletin is arranged under the following themes:

- [RCN highlights](#)
- [Quality improvement](#)
- [Patient safety](#)
- [Evidence based practice](#)
- [Patient focus](#)
- [eHealth](#)
- [Staff focus](#)

**Carers Week 2015 themed bulletin**

This part-themed bulletin looks at carers. It has been published during Carers Week 8 - 15 June 2015. See: [Carers Week 2015](#).

**Reducing avoidable noise at night in hospitals themed bulletin 2015**

This part-themed bulletin examines the problem of noise and its impact on hospital patients. See: [Reducing avoidable noise at night in hospitals](#).

**Dementia Awareness Week 2015 themed bulletin**

This part-themed bulletin looks at aspects of dementia. It has been published during Dementia Awareness week 18 - 24 May 2015. See: [Dementia awareness week 2015](#).

**eBulletin archive**

Previous copies of the eBulletin are available here to form a useful archive of resources and activities in the quality and safety themes over the preceding months. All sections within each fortnightly eBulletin are available in a Word document.

Go to the [eBulletin archive](#).

**eBulletin - inclusion criteria**

The eBulletin has seven themes. This page describes in more detail what each theme includes. See: [eBulletin - inclusion criteria](#).

**Related news**

[RCN responds to Government Female Genital Mutilation \(FGM\) announcement](#)  
13 February 2015 | UK

[Liverpool nurse and President of the RCN awarded honorary doctorate](#)  
3 October 2014 | North West

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**RCN events**

[RCN Looked after children's nurses' networking event](#)  
2 July 2015

[Women's Poetry in the Great War](#)  
3 July 2015

[Critical Care Nursing workshop](#)  
4 July 2015

# RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

## Twitter

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**Dave O'Carroll: @DaveOCWork**

**Gabrielle Levy: @EditorRIB**

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