



Adult Social Care Nursing Advisory Council (SCNAC)
MIDLANDS Region Quarterly Meeting 03 – Tuesday 14th January 2025

Attending:		
Anita Astle	-	Managing Director, Wren Nursing Home and Chair for the Midlands SCNAC
Jo-Anne Wilson	-	Registered Manager, Royal British Legion and Co-Chair for the Midlands SCNAC
Deborah Sturdy	-	Chief Nurse for Social Care, DHSC
Diane Mayhew	-	Co-Founder, Rights for Residents
Jackie Riddett	-	Registered Manager, The Willows Nursing & Residential Home
Jasmin Stanhope	-	Managing Director, Rushcliffe Care Group
Kate	-	Riverpath Care
Katie Thorn	-	Project Lead, Digital Care Hub
Lynne Bowers	-	ADASS, West Midlands
Mike Slator	-	Project Support Specialist, VIVALDI Social Care & The OS
Gabriella Okeeffe	-	
Fran Oloto	-	Personalised Care and Nurse Manager, Leicester and Rutland ICB (Representing Chief of LLR ICB)
Rachael Fitton	-	Senior Clinical Improvement and Assurance Manager - attending on behalf of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB
Nicola Ryan	-	Attending on behalf of Diane-Kareen Charles
Sam Preston	-	Independent Health & Social Care Lead Nurse for the East Midlands, RCN
Tom Rose	-	Admiral Nurse Clinical Lead, St Barnabas Hospice
Tony Newman	-	Regulations Advisor, Midlands Area, NMC
Vicky Sandy-Davis	-	Independent Health & Social Care Lead Nurse, RCN
Katie Welbourn	-	Head of Quality and Safety, Black Country ICB
Louise Luckman	-	Senior Clinical Quality Assurance Lead, Birmingham & Solihull ICB. Also Chair of the Social Care Nurses Network for Birmingham & Solihull. Attending on behalf of Andrea Westlake
Sandra Prew	-	NIHR and National Enrich Coordinator
Shirley Way	-	Head of Area for East & West Midlands, Skills for Care
Helen Sands	-	Replacing Terry Vines
Sonia Pritchard	-	SCNACS Admin, The Outstanding Society



Apologies:		
Sally Roberts	-	CNO Black Country & West Birmingham
Kathryn Cobain	-	CNO Worcestershire & Herefordshire
Jane Shephard	-	Would attend on behalf of Kathryn Cobain
Yvonne Higgins	-	CNO Northamptonshire
Rita Flanagan	-	Senior Regional Director, North, UK Care Services BUPA
Nyma Sikondari	-	NIHR
Shanci Mathew	-	District Manager of Morton Grange Nursing Home
Karen Watts	-	Director of Nursing & Quality, NHS Norfolk & Waveney ICB
Diane-Kareen Charles	-	Deputy CNO and Director of Quality, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Nicola Ryan attending on her behalf
Andrea Westlake	-	Director of Nursing for Social Care
Masline Chitura	-	Quality Director, Berkley Care Group
Jaqueline Barnes	-	Regional CNO and Director of Nursing Professional & Systems Development, Midlands Region
Kay Darby	-	CNO Birmingham & Solihull
Charlie Bitchenor	-	Training Manager, Heritage Manor
Jayanthi Antony	-	Registered Manager, Julie Richardson Nursing Home
Loucia Kyprianou	-	Regulation Advisor for Independent Health & Care, NMC

Please see the attached spreadsheet for the action points of this meeting.

Date of Future Meetings:

Monday 7th April 2025 from 11.00am

Note Summary:

Casey Commission and Delegation: Deborah Sturdy provided an update on the Casey Commission, which will focus on delegation in nursing. She emphasised the importance of NHS England's involvement and the need for a review of the Code of Conduct to address governance and boundary issues.

Research and Financial Challenges: Deborah Sturdy discussed the positive outcomes of the research round table and the financial challenges faced by the sector. She highlighted the importance of resilience-based clinical supervision and the need for collaboration on undergraduate placements.

Benchmarking and Digital Technology: Anita updated the group on the progress of the benchmarking project, including meetings with various stakeholders and the potential for funding from NIHR. The project aims to empower staff teams and improve quality through benchmarking.



Social Care Academies: Jo-Anne discussed the development of social care academies and the importance of sharing best practices. She mentioned the upcoming RCN Live event in Birmingham and the opportunity to showcase work from the Midlands.

NMC Community of Practice: Tony provided an update on the NMC's efforts to develop a community of practice across the Midlands, including the involvement of social care. The focus will be on sharing best practices and providing support for fitness to practice and revalidation.

Social Care Nurse Network: Shirley mentioned the development of a social care nurse network by Skills for Care Midlands, which will provide peer support and link to the community of practice.

Training and Development Initiatives: Louise and Katie shared their respective initiatives in Birmingham and the Black Country to provide training and development opportunities for social care nurses. They emphasized the importance of collaboration and funding to support these efforts.

QR Code for Resources: Gabriella introduced a QR code initiative that provides care home and domiciliary care nurses with easy access to NICE guidance, training, and other resources.

Essential Care Partners and Regulation 9A: Diane Mayhew raised concerns about the inconsistent implementation of Regulation 9A, which ensures essential care partners can visit loved ones in care homes and hospitals. The group discussed the need for better training and awareness to address this issue.

Next Steps and Meeting Schedule: Anita and Jo-Anne thanked participants for their contributions and mentioned that the next meeting would be scheduled for April. They also highlighted the importance of submitting nominations for the Social Care Chief Nurse Awards.