



Adult Social Care Nursing Advisory Council (SCNAC)
SOUTHWEST Region Virtual Quarterly Meeting 05
Wednesday 16th July 2025, 09:30-11:00

<u>Attending:</u>		
Sarah Wytrykowski	-	Co-Chair for Southwest SCNAC and Head of Complex Care, Bluebird Care
Cheryl Angco	-	Co-Chair for Southwest SCNAC and Clinical & Quality Assurance Team Lead, Ashfield Services
Adem Oyekan	-	Private Secretary to the Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care, DHSC
Esther Mackillican	-	Admiral Nurse Clinical Lead, Dorothy House Hospice
Keryn Morris	-	Locality Manager (Southwest), Skills for Care
Pat Schofield	-	Professor in Clinical Nursing, University of Plymouth NIHR Residential Settings Lead SWP
Cathy Rant	-	Lecturer, Academy of Nursing Clinical Practice Lead – University of Exeter
Amanda McKenna	-	Practice Support Lead, Oxleas NHS, NHS Forensic and Offender Healthcare Services
Lia Alves	-	Practice Educator, Kernow Health Primary Care Training Hub, Cornwall and Truro College Adult Nurse and Health Allied Lecturer
Margot Whittaker	-	Director of Nursing, Southern Healthcare
Teresa Chinn	-	Registered Nurse, Brunelcare
Leanne Vinakadina	-	Deputy Manager, Laverstock Care Centre, Caring Homes Group
Hilary Robinson	-	CEO / RN, Registered Care Providers Association (RCPA)
Sonia Pritchard	-	EA for the The Outstanding Society & SCNACs Administrator

<u>Apologies:</u>		
Deborah Sturdy	-	Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care, DHSC
Jill Crook	-	On behalf of Southwest Regional CNOs, NHS England
Ashleigh Fox	-	Transforming Care Director (RNLD) - Cornwall Primary Care Training Hub
Sean Mahoney	-	Student Nurse
Charlotte Fry	-	Independent Nurse Consultant - Caring Footsteps
Simon Fagg	-	Clinical Nurse Advisor - Milestones Trust
Lisa Vogwell	-	Deputy Director of Nursing & Quality, NHS Foundation Trust, Southwestern Ambulance Service
Marie Crofts	-	CNO, Gloucestershire ICB
Rosi Shepherd	-	CNO, BNSSG ICB
Caroline Holt	-	Employer Lind Service Adviser (ELS), NMC



Michele Harrison	-	Regulation Adviser for Southwest, Jersey and Guernsey - NMC
Susan Bracefield	-	CNO, Cornwall & Isle of Scilly ICB
Vanessa Ongley	-	Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
Holly Stockdale	-	Locality Manager (Southwest), Skills for Care
Lucy Brown	-	EU Horizon Clinical Delivery Lead, The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare
Julie Taylor	-	Dorothy House Hospice
Stuart Bareham	-	NHS Dorset ICB
Shelagh Meldrum	-	CNO NHS Somerset IC
Jakki Whitehead	-	Admiral Nurse, Riversway Nursing Home

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

Date of Future Meetings:

- Wednesday 15th October 2025, 9.30am - 11.00am
- Wednesday 28th January 2026, 9.30am - 11.00am

Summary Notes

Meeting Start and Apologies: Co-Chairs, Sarah Wytrykowski and Cheryl Angco started the meeting, noting several apologies due to clashing meetings. They mentioned that updates and exciting news would be shared and asked participants to introduce themselves in the group chat.

Council Representation and Updates: Sarah and Cheryl discussed efforts to ensure the Council is fully inclusive and fit for purpose. Cheryl updated on new members joining the Council.

Primary Care Services: Efforts were made to include representation from primary care services and GP practices, with Cheryl pursuing connections in the background.

Department of Social Care Updates: Adem Oyekan provided updates on behalf of Deborah Sturdy, the Chief Nurse of Social Care for the Department of Social Care.

- **Placement Strategy:** Adem announced the upcoming launch of a national social care placement strategy, co-developed by various stakeholders, and scheduled for a virtual event next week.
- **Research Projects:** A follow-up meeting on research projects in social care nursing, hosted by the University of Salford, was mentioned, with updates on progress to be shared in due course.
- **Skills Passport:** Funding for the skills passport work, led by the London and Southeast regions, was secured, aiming to enhance skills development in social care nursing.



- **Visibility in Publications:** Efforts to increase the visibility of social care nursing in professional publications were highlighted, with ongoing engagements with editors of nursing journals.
- **Chief Nurse Adult Social Care Awards:** Adem highlighted the importance of nominating colleagues for the Chief Nurse Adult Social Care Awards, especially before the end of the year due to potential reduced resources. He encouraged early nominations for Professional Care Workers Week in September.
- **Awards Importance:** Adem emphasised the significance of nominating colleagues for the [Chief Nurse Adult Social Care Awards](#), particularly before the end of the year due to potential reduced resources.
- **Early Nominations:** He encouraged early nominations for Professional Care Workers Week in September to ensure timely processing and recognition of deserving individuals and teams.

Student Nurse Representation: Cheryl welcomed student nurse Sean Mahoney, a student nurse (who could not attend the meeting due to taking an exam – good luck Sean) to the Council and sought further representation from pre-registration student nurses at universities. Patricia, Cathy and Lia agreed to help find student representatives from their universities/college, ensuring diverse and comprehensive representation in the Council.

Primary Care: Cheryl updated on efforts to include primary care services and GP practice representation in the Council. Connections and recommendations from members would be very welcome.

Prison Settings Representation: Amanda McKenna introduced herself as a new member representing prison settings, highlighting the relevance of social care needs in prison settings, advocating for the inclusion of these perspectives in the Council's work to ensure comprehensive and inclusive representation.

Council Priorities Discussion: Sarah and Cheryl opened the discussion on Council priorities, seeking input from members encouraging suggestions and ideas to shape the Council's future priorities and actions. They mentioned aligning priorities with the NHS long-term plan and focusing on measurable outcomes to ensure impactful initiatives.

- **Workforce Strategy:** Keryn Morris suggested engaging with the workforce strategy regional implementation group, which focuses on nursing, delegated healthcare activity, and the care workforce pathway, to align efforts and share best practices.
- **Creative Health Project:** Cathy shared the success of a Creative Health Project that involved students in various creative health activities, such as dance, drumming, and arts and crafts, which had a significant impact on their understanding of holistic care and well-being. This project had a profound impact on students, changing their



perceptions of social care and equipping them with knowledge about community resources and social prescribing and is being expanded and embedded in the curriculum with plans to include it in modules such as art and history in nursing, ensuring its long-term impact on student education. Students engaged with various community organisations, gaining insights into the role of creative health in promoting well-being and preventing ill health, and understanding the importance of community resources in patient care.

- **Social Care Nurse Education Pathway:** Margot outlined the development of a comprehensive education pathway for social care nurses, including induction courses, skills development, and advanced diplomas for post-registration nurses, aimed at enhancing their competencies and career progression. She invited Council members to get involved and share ideas.
- **Support Hub:** Margo discussed the creation of a support hub for social care nurses, envisioned as a resource for training, peer support, and information sharing, to address their professional needs and challenges. Margot again invited Council members to contribute ideas and get involved in the development of the support hub, emphasising the importance of collective input and collaboration in creating a valuable resource for social care nurses. She mentioned the involvement of key stakeholders, including Andrea Sutcliffe and Nicola Ranger, in supporting both the education and support initiatives, highlighting the collaborative efforts to enhance social care nursing.
- **Dementia and Frailty Strategy:** Esther shared her work with the local ICB on a dementia and frailty strategy, emphasising the importance of empowering social care nurses to manage end-of-life care and reduce **inappropriate hospital admissions**. She highlighted the need for advanced care planning and collaboration with community teams.
- **Research and End-of-Life Care:** Patricia mentioned ongoing NIHR-funded studies on frailty and dementia, and the end-of-life incubator project at the University of West of England. She suggested involving Candy McCabe in future Council meetings to discuss the incubator project.

Preceptorship Programmes: Keryn Morris shared information about upcoming preceptorship programmes for newly qualified nursing staff in social care, including workshops on leading preceptorship and new-to-role preceptorship. She provided a link for Council members to book places which can be found on the Updates and Information tab on the Action Points spreadsheet.



Student Nurse Employment Challenges: Sarah and Amanda discussed the challenges faced by student nurses in finding employment after qualifying, particularly apprentices. Sarah mentioned a small opportunity with HC1 for student nurses interested in social care nursing.

Meeting Conclusion: Sarah and Cheryl concluded the meeting, summarising the key points and next steps. They emphasised the importance of ongoing communication and action between meetings to progress Council priorities.