



Adult Social Care Nursing Advisory Council (SCNAC)
SOUTHWEST Region Virtual Quarterly Meeting 07
Wednesday 28th January 2026, 09:30-11:00

<u>Attending:</u>		
Cheryl Angco	-	Co-Chair for Southwest SCNAC and Clinical & Quality Assurance Team Lead, Ashfield Services
Cindy Willcocks	-	Co-Chair for Southwest SCNAC and Director for Arterne
Angelique Attack	-	Programme Lead / Lecturer – Nursing Associates, Bournemouth and Poole College
Grant McPherson	-	Student, Bournemouth University
Bernadette Edwards	-	Attending on behalf of Jill Crook
Caroline Holt	-	Employer Link Service Adviser (ELS), NMC
Cathy Rant	-	Lecturer, Academy of Nursing Clinical Practice Lead – University of Exeter
Charlotte Fry	-	Independent Nurse Consultant - Caring Footsteps
Annie Dale	-	Head of Nursing, Southwest Prisons
John Powell	-	Director, Unicare Devon
Ed Cox	-	Director of Nursing for Devon and Cornwall ICB attending on behalf of Carolyne Hague
Lisa Vogwell	-	Deputy Director of Nursing & Quality, NHS Foundation Trust, Southwestern Ambulance Service
Simon Fagg	-	Clinical Nurse Advisor, Milestones Trust
Leanne Vinakadina	-	Deputy Manager, Laverstock Care Centre, Caring Homes Group
Jodie Andrews (nee Nelder)	-	Registered Manager, Residential Care – Grayareas
Ashleigh Fox	-	Transforming Care Director (RNLD) - Cornwall Primary Care Training Hub
Kim Whitlock	-	Tissue Viability Matron, Infection Control & Tissue Viability, North Bristol NHS Trust
Sonia Pritchard	-	EA for The Outstanding Society & SCNACs Administrator
<u>Apologies:</u>		
Deborah Sturdy	-	Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care, DHSC
Zoë Fry	-	Director of Nursing, The OS and SCNACs Co-Chair
Vanessa Ongley	-	Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
Rosi Shepherd	-	CNO, BNSSG ICB
Charley Day	-	PA to Lisa Vogwell
Shelagh Meldrum	-	CNO NHS Somerset IC
Sian Parsons	-	PA to Shelagh Meldrum
Jill Crook	-	On behalf of Southwest Regional CNOs, NHS England, Bernie Edwards attending on Jill's behalf



Jen Charlewood	-	Senior Professional Manager (Community & Primary Care Nursing & Professional Nurse Advocates), Professional & System Development, Regional Nursing Directorate (NHS England SW)
Esther Mackillican	-	Admiral Nurse, Dorothy House Hospice
Julie Taylor	-	Dorothy House Hospice, attending on behalf of Esther Mackillican
Mary Lewis	-	CNO Sirona, NHS BNSSG ICB, representing Rosi Shepherd
Gill May	-	CNO BSW ICB
Amanda McKenna	-	Practice Support (Dorset) / IPC Practitioner (SW), NHS Forensic & Offender Healthcare Services
Stuart Bareham	-	NHS Dorset ICB
Pat Schofield	-	Professor of Clinical Nursing, University of Plymouth
Hilary Robinson	-	CEO / RN, Registered Care Providers Association (RCPA)
Carolyn Hague	-	Deputy Director of Nursing and Allied Health Professions – NHS Devon. Ed Cox, attending on Carolyn's behalf.
Lucy Brown	-	EU Horizon Clinical Delivery Lead, The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare
Marie Crofts	-	CNO, Gloucestershire ICB
Denise Moorhouse	-	Deputy CNO NHS BNSSG ICB
Susan Bracefield	-	CNO Cornwall & Isle of Scilly ICB
Keryn Morris	-	Locality Manager (Southwest), Skills for Care

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

Date of Future Meetings:

- 13th May 2026

Summary Notes:

Introduction of New Co-Chair and New Council Members: Cheryl introduced Cindy Willcocks as the new Co-Chair for the South West SCNAC and new members to the council introduced themselves.

- **Cindy's Professional Background:** Cindy is a registered mental health nurse with extensive experience across the NHS, voluntary sector, and private healthcare. She described her passion for early intervention, governance, and community partnership work.
- **Student Representation Initiative:** Cheryl highlighted the importance of student representation and explained the council's initiative to include student nurse representatives from all regional universities. She introduced Grant as the first appointed student representative, attending from Bournemouth University, and encouraged other universities to participate. Cheryl emphasised the council's commitment to supporting student and nursing associate representatives, offering mentorship and opportunities for professional development within the council.



Update from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC): Sonia delivered an update on behalf of Deborah Sturdy, Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care, highlighting upcoming events, ongoing research, and major organisational changes within NHS England and the DHSC, with the council encouraged to submit questions for further clarification.

- Planning underway for a nursing conference in early Summer. Details to follow and is intended to be hybrid in person event in Salford
- Please signpost people to the Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) free resource programme [Resilience Based Clinical Supervision](#)
- Research interns being led by Zena Aldridge going really well and in late spring the recruitment of the second cohort will take place
- Please encourage and promote the [Global Majority Skills for Care Network](#). Keen to support colleagues some of whom are facing work-based challenges
- Please encourage everyone to sign up to the "[We are social care nursing](#)" this is going to be a vital communication for sector nurses going forward
- Major reorganisation underway NHSE/ DHSC and wider NHS having significant impact on ways of working and rationalising work priorities/ programmes
- Nurse Prescribing pilots underway 40 nurses signed up for programmes. This is being evaluated through a yearlong research study. Critical for future funding
- Duncan Burton's lead a new nursing strategy due to be published in early spring, social care nurses have been on all the work streams
- NMC planning an event in May focused on social care nursing and the revalidation/ code review along with Fitness to Practice referrals

Regional and National Updates in Nursing and Social Care Bernadette provided updates on national and regional developments, including NHS England and DHSC reorganisation, upcoming conferences, new strategies, noting the move towards clustering in the South West and the expectation for completion by 2028, with current focus on design and function at both regional and ICB levels.

CNO Professional Strategy and Engagement: Bernadette outlined the CNO professional strategy for nursing and midwifery, now in phase two, with opportunities for further engagement via a webinar and anticipated publication later in the year, highlighting the strategy's inclusivity for all nurses, midwives, and nursing associates.

NMC Code and Revalidation Updates: Caroline provided an update on the NMC's work with social care nursing, the closure of surveys on the code and fee increases, and the timeline for consultation and implementation of a new code and revalidation process by 2027, encouraging ongoing engagement.

NMC Support Services: Caroline informed the group about the NMC's employer link service helpline, weekly Teams meetings for witnesses, and monthly sessions for those supporting student nurses and midwives, offering free learning sessions on fitness to practise.



Council Agenda Redesign and Performance Measurement: Cheryl and Cindy discussed the redesign of the council agenda to ensure meetings are impactful, with a focus on measurable outcomes, council engagement, and diversity, and that feedback from previous discussions influenced these changes. Further feedback from council members is welcome and the new format will be aligned with other SCNAC regions.

Key Performance Indicators: Cheryl highlighted council engagement, content contributions to the Outstanding Society newsletter, and regional priorities as key performance indicators, and encouraged ongoing input and participation from members.

Prevention Projects: Dementia and Suicide Initiatives: Cheryl outlined the council's prevention projects, focusing on the dementia prevention project and the decision to launch a suicide prevention project concurrently, with support from Zena Aldridge and broad member engagement.

- **Dementia Prevention Project Structure:** Cheryl described the aim to create replicable prevention project blueprints, train and support prevention champions, and collect data on engagement and outcomes through the formation of education and prevention engagement groups with open invitations for members to join based on their expertise and interest.
- **Suicide Prevention Project Launch:** Cheryl announced the decision, supported by Jill Crook, to run the suicide prevention project in parallel with the dementia project, citing its alignment with the 10-year plan and the need to address high suicide rates in the region. Several members, including Annie and Simon, volunteered to participate in the suicide prevention project, and Lisa Vogwill discussed the complexities of accessing and categorising suicide-related data for project evaluation.

Upcoming Opportunities and Events: Cheryl shared the opportunity to present at the Care and Dementia Show in Birmingham at the end of March and encouraged members to contribute materials or participate in the event to showcase the council's work.

Council Engagement, Recommendations, and Networking: Cheryl and Cindy encouraged members to provide recommendations for council activities, discussed the importance of engagement and shaping meetings collaboratively, and explored ideas for enhancing networking and sharing of best practices.

Survey and Member Input: Cheryl referenced a previous survey seeking input on council priorities and member contributions, noting low response rates and encouraging more active participation to shape council activities.

Collaborative Meeting Design: Cindy and Cheryl emphasised the desire for meetings to be shaped by member engagement and input, rather than following a fixed agenda, to ensure relevance and impact.



Showcasing Member Projects: Ed and John suggested regular sessions for members to present their projects and seek collaboration, with Cheryl and Cindy supporting the idea to foster greater networking and knowledge sharing.

Hybrid Regional Meeting Planning: Cheryl announced a planned hybrid regional meeting on 16th April in Taunton, inviting input on the agenda and encouraging members to hold the date and contribute ideas for the event. Noted that this is the same date as the RCN conference and may need to be rescheduled.

Website and Member Profile Updates: Cheryl and Cindy requested that council members send in and update their bios and photos for the South West webpage to improve engagement and networking, providing instructions and support for submissions.