



Adult Social Care Nursing Advisory Council (SCNAC)
SOUTHEAST Region Virtual Quarterly Meeting 06
Thursday 23rd October 2025 – 09:30-11:00

<u>Attending:</u>		
Scarlett MacDonald	-	New Commissioning Manager – Caring Homes Group SCNAC Co-Chair, Southeast Region
Pat Conteh	-	Head of Clinical Services, Prestige Nursing & Care and SCNAC Co-Chair, Southeast Region
Zoë Fry	-	Executive Director – The Outstanding Society CIC SCNAC Chair, Southeast Region
Claire Axon-Peters	-	Doctoral Researcher Safeguarding Lead – Adults, Maternity, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, NHS England – Southeast
Claire Pegg	-	RRDN Health and Care Director - NMAHP (2 days) Workforce and People Senior Manager (2 days) NHS England Southeast Programme Lead - Nursing and Midwifery Research Leadership (1 day) Southeast Regional Research Delivery Network
Debbie Clark	-	RNLD Registered Manager, Egalié Care
Vicki Gray	-	Regional Safeguarding Lead and Interim Head of All Age Continuing Care, NHS England, Southeast
Michele Lawrence	-	
Lucy Knight	-	VIVALDI Social Care Coordinator, The Outstanding Society
Marisa Spice	-	Head of Learning & Development (RN) – Nellsar Care Homes. Also, Operations & Compliance Manager for two learning disability homes in Bromley
Masline Chitura	-	Quality Director, Berkley Care Group
Wendy Newnam	-	Deputy CNO, Hampshire & Isle of Wight, Tim O'Shaughnessy will attend on her behalf and Lynne Birt will be joining to shadow.
Rian Gleave	-	Lead Nurse: Independent Health & Social Care (Southeast), Royal College of Nursing (RCN)
Sue Dorling	-	SESCA (Southeast Social Care Alliance) Representative and Development Officer, Berkshire Care Association
Lucie Towers	-	Care Home Quality Manager, Frimley ICB
Sonia Pritchard	-	SCNACS Administrator and EA for The Outstanding Society

<u>Apologies:</u>		
Deborah Sturdy	-	Chief Nurse for Social Care - DHSC
Adem Oyekan	-	Department of Health & Social Care on behalf of Deborah Sturdy, Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care
Andrea Lewis RRC	-	Regional CNO, Southeast – NHS England



Sarah Bellars	-	CNO Frimley
David Porter	-	Regulation Adviser – NMC
Naomi Barnes	-	NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB
Alison Cannon	-	CNO for NHS Sussex ICB
Clare Stone	-	CNO Surrey Heartlands
Sharon Lee	-	Senior Primary Care Workforce Programme Lead, NHS Kent and Medway
Helen Cheney	-	Health Protection Lead, Public Health, East Sussex
Shelly Hickey	-	Head of Quality & Governance, Aria Care
Anne Smith	-	Nurse, Clinical Lead for IPC, Public Health, Families, Children and Wellbeing, Brighton & Hove City Council

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

Date of Future Meetings:

- Thursday 29th January 2026, 9.30am-11.00am
- TBC April/May 2026

Summary Notes:

Updates from Council of Deans and National Nursing Initiatives: Sonia provided updates on behalf of Deborah Sturdy and Adem Oyekan:

- **Council of Deans Network Launch:** The launch of a new network by the Council of Deans was shared with the council - aimed at students and newly qualified nurses, highlighting its importance for creating opportunities in adult social care and referencing positive representation at the CNO Conference.
- **Adult Social Care Nurse Prescribing Pilot:** It was reported that the adult social care nurse prescribing pilot is underway with six ICBs participating, aiming to build an evidence base for potential Treasury funding, and shared that more information is available on Deborah Sturdy's [blog](#).
- **CNO Professional Nursing Strategy Consultation:** The CNO professional nursing strategy consultation concluded on 17th October, with adult social care nurses involved in all working groups, emphasising the importance of sector input in shaping the 10-year vision.
- **Upcoming Events and Sector Concerns:** Forthcoming events were listed including the Skills for Care event on 11th November, a planned social care conference for May/June, and a national LD nursing round table, while noting concerns about declining numbers in the LD nursing programme and ongoing work with the NMC on sector relations.



Safeguarding Task and Finish Group and NHS Futures Platform Development: Zoë, Victoria, Claire Peters, and Scarlett led a comprehensive discussion on the safeguarding task and finish group, the development of a dedicated NHS Futures platform for social care nursing, and the associated survey to gather sector input:

- **Safeguarding Group Action Plan:** Zoë described recent meetings with Scarlett, Pat, and Victoria to develop an action plan for the safeguarding task and finish group, aiming to accelerate progress with input from the safeguarding team and to send out a questionnaire to gather broad feedback from nursing colleagues.
- **NHS Futures Platform Features and Survey:** Victoria and Claire Peters explained the structure and intended features of the NHS Futures platform, including regional and national spaces, resource sharing, chat forums, mentorship, and calendar functions, and detailed the survey designed to capture user needs, challenges, and desired functionalities.
- **Regional and National Collaboration:** Victoria clarified that while the platform's initial focus is on the Southeast, it is structured to allow replication and scaling nationally, with the aim of sharing best practice and resources across regions and building a template for broader adoption.
- **Sector Engagement and Moderation:** Participants including Marisa, Sue, and Lucie raised questions about cross-regional participation, resource sharing, and the potential for mentorship and supervision forums, with Victoria and Claire Peters confirming the platform's flexibility and the need for managerial oversight and moderation.
- **Next Steps and Participation:** Pat and Scarlett encouraged council members to complete and share the [survey](#), join the working group, and contribute ideas, with Sue and others volunteering to involve additional stakeholders such as the ambulance service and OPS managers.

Equality, Diversity, and Representation in Council Membership: Scarlett presented the results of the equality and diversity questionnaire, highlighting the need to increase representation from diverse backgrounds. Scarlett reported that most council members are aged 45–64 and female, and emphasised the importance of attracting student nurses, nursing associates, and individuals from underrepresented groups, requesting suggestions for organisations or groups to approach to be included in future council membership.

Collaboration with QICN and Social Care Nursing Forum: Pat and Scarlett updated the council on ongoing collaboration with the QICN Social Care Nursing Forum, including efforts to invite Agnes Fanning to present on social care nursing, ensuring alignment and information sharing between the committees.



Public Health and Social Care: All Our Health Resource: Jamie and Michele presented on a new e-learning resource:

- **Resource Overview and Rationale:** Jamie explained the need for a shift towards prevention in health and social care, introducing the '[All Our Health](#)' platform as a suite of bite-sized e-learning modules covering key public health topics, with a new module specifically for adult social care.
- **Development and Content:** Michele described the collaborative development process with the Royal Society of Public Health and social care stakeholders, highlighting the module's focus on prevention, health protection, well-being, infection control, climate change, and self-care, with certification available upon completion.
- **Feedback and Integration:** Council members discussed the resource's relevance, with suggestions from Claire Pegg to include research training links, and Victoria proposing promotion through newsletters and NHS networks; Michele welcomed these ideas and offered to share promotional materials.
- **Implementation and Case Studies:** Jamie and Michele encouraged the committee to disseminate the resource, collect case studies, and consider integrating public health competencies into clinical frameworks, with Scarlett and Pat agreeing to add these elements to ongoing work.

Upcoming Events: Pat and Scarlett summarised upcoming events including the CQC state of care meeting, Skills for Care webinar on student and nurse associate placements, social care parliamentary reception, and the Clinical Reference Group meeting.

Internship Programme: Claire Pegg introduced a new internship programme run by the Applied Research Collaborative, offering 23 placements for registered professionals across Kent, Surrey, and Sussex to gain research experience, with support available for applicants.

Global Majority Nursing Network Promotion: Pat shared information about the Global Majority Nursing Network, supported by Skills for Care and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). She explained that the network supports registered nurses and nursing associates from Black and Asian communities, outlined upcoming meetings, and requested council members to share information within their networks, with further details to be circulated with the minutes.