

The QNI's Professional Networks

National networks for nurses working in the community and primary care



The Queen's Nursing Institute is a registered charity dedicated to improving nursing care for people in the home and community.

We promote excellent nursing care for everyone, where and when they need it, provided by nurses and their teams with specific skills and knowledge.

How do we do it?

- ✚ Through our national network of Queen's Nurses, who are committed to the highest standards of care and who lead and inspire others
- ✚ By funding nurses' own ideas to improve patient care
- ✚ By publishing research into nursing practice, workforce and education, improving knowledge and standards
- ✚ By influencing government and policy makers, and campaigning for investment in high quality community nursing services
- ✚ By offering educational grants to enhance nurses' clinical knowledge
- ✚ By helping working and retired community nurses in times of financial need or life crisis
- ✚ By linking up working and retired nurses for regular telephone contact, with our Keep in Touch project
- ✚ By offering a free listening service - TalkToUs - for all nurses working in the community and social care.



The Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) is a national charity that supports nurses to deliver the best nursing care to individuals, carers, families, and communities.

We have a number of national networks for nurses working in the community and primary care.

All of our networks were created to connect community nurses in their specific fields of work and to build a strong support network where they are free to share best practice and innovations to improve patient care.

These are the QNI Networks:

- ✚ Association of Academic General Practice Nurse Educators (AAGPNE)
- ✚ Care Home Nurse Network
- ✚ Community Children's Nurse Network
- ✚ Community Nursing Executive Network (CNEN)
- ✚ Community Nursing Research Forum
- ✚ Homeless and Inclusion Health Network
- ✚ Integrated Care Board (ICB) Chief Nurse Network
- ✚ Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Champions Network
- ✚ Long Covid Nurse Group
- ✚ Queen's Nurse Network

All the networks are free to join and offer free online events.

“ We champion the role of nurses working in the community, in primary care and social care, and work to raise their profile with commissioners, policy makers, media and the public. We have growing evidence that our strategy is contributing to greater recognition of the indispensable role and impact of community nurses in every field of practice. Community nurses are vital if health services are to manage the increasingly complex needs of the communities served.

Dr Crystal Oldman CBE, QNI Chief Executive





AAGPNE*

The Association of Academic General Practice Nurse Educators (AAGPNE) network is for academics who lead General Practice Nurse education programmes at universities in the UK and GPN Practice Educators.

To join or find out more about the network, please scan the QR code above.

**this network requires an application process to join*



Care Home Nurse Network

The Care Home Nurses Network was created in 2020 and is a national network of nurses working in care home settings. It is a network for nurses to share ideas, innovations and research about care homes as well as raising the profile of care home nursing.

The Care Home Nurses Network is a jointly funded initiative by the Chief Nursing Officer England, the Queen’s Nursing Institute and the RCN Foundation.

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“It is not always appreciated how many people live in care homes, but the latest estimate is over 410,000 people in the UK. Nurses working in these settings work with a range other professionals and family members to manage acute episodes of care as well as supporting residents with complex, multiple long-term conditions and of course, end of life care.

When the QNI created our resource to support nurses moving the Care Home sector we learned how isolated they can feel in their roles and how much they would benefit from being part of a national network of nurses working in the same setting. They also become part of the wider family of nurses working in the community through the support and professional development opportunities offered at the QNI.

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Community Children's Nurse Network

The United Kingdom Community Children's Nursing Network (UKCCNN) was created in 2020 and supports the community children's nursing (CCN) workforce through collaboration and best practice development.

The aims of the UK CCNN are to raise the profile of community children's nursing workforce and the complex care CCNs deliver every day; to provide a network of support across the UK to CCNs, enabling discussions and opportunity to share questions and experiences; to build best practice and evidence-based guidance, reducing inequality across the UK in service provision; to influence national policy around Babies, Children and Young People (BCYP) with complex health needs in community settings; to raise the Voice of Community Children's Nursing Workforce on behalf of our Babies, Children and Young People.

To join or find out more about the network, please scan the QR code above.

“ Our mission is to ensure Babies, Children and Young People (BCYP) with complex health needs in the community setting are supported to live their best possible life alongside their peers, with best practice, evidence-based care and a workforce equipped with complex skills required to manage their needs and keep them in the community wherever possible.

Rebecca Daniels, Community Children's Nurse Network Lead



Community Nurse Executive Network*

The QNI's Community Nurse Executive Network (CNEN) is for nurses with executive responsibility for community nursing services to share and learn about issues relating to workforce, education, policy and service planning. CNEN acts as a resource centre, where ideas and learning can be shared and interaction with colleagues facilitated, to enhance best practice and improve nursing care in the community. The network brings together high profile speakers to brief members about the latest developments and trends affecting the sector and how to manage future challenges. CNEN is a membership-based network open to chief nurses, directors, deputy directors of nursing and equivalent roles within provider organisations that work in community healthcare.

The CNEN network is sponsored by Hallam Medical.

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Community Nursing Research Forum

The Community Nursing Research Forum was created in July 2022 and is for community nurses who are undertaking or considering carrying out research.

The aim of the forum is to strengthen the capacity of community-based nursing research through peer support, mentorship, and supporting personal development and research opportunities. Research led by community nurses is needed to generate high-quality evidence to advance patient-centred care. The research forum is open to community and primary care nurses and clinical academics from all UK countries.

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“ This is an inclusive Forum where colleagues can share ideas, network and build research capacity in community nurse-led research. Research led by community nurses is needed to generate high-quality evidence to advance patient-centred care. The Forum welcomes any nurse wishing to develop their research skills, including critically evaluating research papers, research methods and publishing.

Dr Ben Bowers QN, Community Nursing Research Forum Lead



Homeless and Inclusion Health Network

The QNI supports community nurses to achieve outstanding levels of care for people experiencing homelessness. With the right support to tackle enduring medical, personal and social problems, it is possible for people experiencing homelessness to secure positive health – a foundation for rebuilding more secure and stable lives.

The Homeless and Inclusion Health Programme is a national network to improve the health of groups who are facing multiple disadvantages, particularly:

- People experiencing homelessness
- Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, Boater and Showman communities
- Vulnerable Migrants
- Sex Workers

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Integrated Care Board (ICB) Chief Nurses*

The ICB Chief Nurse Network is a new initiative created in 2023 by the QNI and NHS Confederation to support nurse leadership within integrated care systems. Recognising that ICB Chief Nurses have very different leadership roles, our QNI and NHS Confederation partnership will work with ICB Nurses to achieve the objectives of strong system leadership, integrating care and tackling inequalities in health.

Both organisations recognise the need for a clinical leadership approach that focusses on building relationships, broad collaboration across provider organisations, and enhancing the transformation agenda across the system, which will underpin and inform the new network's ethos and aims.

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Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Champions Network

The Infection and Prevention Control network was set up in 2021 for staff working in Adult Social Care across England. The new IPC Champions Network builds on measures already in place to maintain and continuously improve standards across the care sector. Lessons learned from the pandemic are rolled out through the network to help minimise the future spread of infections, including COVID-19 and flu, to protect people living in care homes and receiving home care. The champions will share best practice through a series of virtual meetings, a newsletter and discussion forum.

The IPC network is supported by Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care Deborah Sturdy OBE and backed by a grant from the Department of Health and Social Care.

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“ While virtual has often been seen as second rate, for those of us living & working rurally and without transport it's a perfect format. Meeting in such a huge group face to face often means people can't or don't speak out, but somehow the chat box and Menti quickly became alive with thoughts, questions, ideas and even links posted by those who had already done work in what area.

IPC Network Member





Long Covid Nurse Group

The QNI established the Long Covid Nurse Group (LCNG) in 2021 to examine issues and practice related to the management of Long Covid in community, primary care and social care settings. While the national and international vaccination campaigns have limited the number of severe illnesses and deaths resulting from Covid19 infection, society is experiencing a wave of physical and emotional health problems as people, family and carers live with the ongoing impacts of the virus on society. Physical and emotional support is needed beyond those experiencing symptoms, as there is a ripple effect on the family members, carers, and friends. The group and its associated work have been commissioned by NHS England.

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“ While much work has been done to investigate and analyse the health disparities that Covid, and Post-Covid Syndrome has caused, much still remains to be done. The evidence that Covid-19 has had a disproportionate impact upon BAME communities serves as a stark reminder that further work and exploration is needed to investigate the serious health inequalities within health systems.

Long Covid Nurse Group Network Lead



Queen's Nurse Network*

The Queen's Nurse (QN) programme brings together community nurses to develop their professional skills and deliver outstanding patient care in the community. The title of QN is available to individual nurses who have demonstrated a high level of commitment to patient care and nursing practice. All nurses, health visitors and midwives with five years' experience working in the community are eligible to apply.

The Queen's Nurse title will:

- Connect you with a supportive professional network
- Give you access to our free developmental programme, bursaries and networking
- Provide formal recognition of your commitment to improving care for patients
- Link you with a regional QN group
- Entitle you to attend the Queen's Nurse annual meeting
- Provide other free learning and leadership opportunities.

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