



The FoNS Weekly News



Congratulations, you are starting something wonderful

We asked the participants from year one of the Person-centred Cultures Development Programme to send a message to the people starting the year two programme. And we were blown away by what they said!

[Take a look at the messages](#)

We'd like to thank the Burdett Trust for Nurses for their thoughtful funding of this programme.

So nearly a nurse after three long years

A poem by Michelle Powell

We are delighted to share this poem from Michelle. Michelle wrote this with just a week left on placement in her final year of her BSc Registered Learning Disability Nursing Degree Apprenticeship.

FoNS CEO Joanne Bosanquet said on reading it: *This poem to me embodies a holistic experience of life through the eyes of a student nurse. It reinforces, for me, the message that we must care for our undergraduates and early career nurses and midwives, if we don't, we will lose the most important part of our health and care.*

Farai Pfende, Senior Lecturer, Field Lead Learning Disabilities Nursing at Nottingham Trent University said: *Michelle's poem is compassionate, empathetic and uplifting. It is a wonderful reflection of on the learning disabilities nursing apprenticeship programme she has completed.*

[Read Michelle's poem](#)

The PerCIE International Roundtable Debate: Reimagining Person-centred Approaches in Health and Care

13:00 - 15:00 GMT, Thursday 27 November 2025

Join FoNS Person-centred Practice Facilitator Grace Cook and leading voices in health and care for a dynamic and thought-provoking international roundtable. They will consider the future of person-centred approaches in education, practice, and policy.

This event is open to all, [book your place via this Teams link](#).

Resilience-based Clinical Supervision: Open to all January 2026

New 'open to all' programme starting January 2026. An inclusive, participatory online programme, suitable for nurses, clinical educators, AHPs and anyone who has an interest in restorative supervision

Session 1: 29 January 09.30-12.30

Session 2: 05 February 09.30-12.30

Session 3: 12 February 09.30-12.30

Session 4: 26 February 09.30-11.30

Session 5: 12 March 09.30-11.30

£575pp

[Book your place](#)

Calling Social Care Nurses who have completed an RBCS Programme

Are you going to the Birmingham Care Show? We'd love to hear about your experiences?

Please contact sue.hill@fons.org and we can arrange to meet!

RCN Foundation education and career development grants for nurses, midwives and healthcare support workers

The [RCN Foundation Autumn education and career development grants](#) support those working within nursing and midwifery to develop professionally, upskill themselves and enhance the care they give to patients. Grants can be used to undertake undergraduate degrees, postgraduate qualifications and professional training. You do not need to be an RCN member to apply for an education grant.

Applicants must begin their study between January 2026 and January 2027. The closing date for applications is 22 September 2025.

Nurse Clinics 2025: Annual Conference

Tuesday 18 November 2025, Online

If you are already running a nurse led clinic or thinking about it, this is the event for you! Chaired by Dr Richard Hatchett, Author *Nurse Led Clinics: Practice Issues*. It's an opportunity to hear national updates and best practice for working at advanced practice, and setting up and running nurse led clinics and services in primary, secondary and community care across a number of specialties.

FoNS has been a supporter of this event for many years and we are delighted that Healthcare Conferences UK offer a **20% discount** with code **hcuk20fons** for our newsletter readers.

For further information and to book your place visit [the Nurse Clinics website](#). Claim a **20% discount** with code **hcuk20fons**. Email aman@hc-uk.org.uk for further information.

The RCN Foundation Amin Abdullah Grant

Launched in 2022, the RCN Foundation Amin Abdullah Grant focuses on the mental health and well-being of nurses. The fund was created in memory of nurse Amin Abdullah. The award will provide grants of up to £1,000 to nurse-led projects that focus on nurses' well-being.

On [the RCN Foundation Amin Abdullah Grant website pages](#), you will find out about Amin's life, what has previously been funded and how to apply.

Applications are open to registered nurses from across the UK and applicants do not have to be a member of the RCN to apply. The grant is now open and will close at 5pm on 10 October.

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