



The FoNS Weekly News

Hello!

Autumn has arrived here in the UK, the dark nights are drawing in, and it feels like time to stay indoors a little more and maybe join the children and young people in a bit of learning. This week we are highlighting a number of articles and webinars that promise to be informative and definitely food for thought.

If you have seen anything that you think will be of interest to the FoNS family, (and that is free, moderately priced or open access), please get in touch. We like to share ideas and resources, articles and events that support our person-centred ethos.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Health of Women from Ethnic Minority Groups in England

A 'long read' from the King's Fund, well worth a read for all in healthcare:

'Health inequalities among women from ethnic minority groups are shaped by intersecting socio-economic, cultural, and structural factors. Early prevention, personalised care, and systemic change are key to reducing disparities.'

[King's Fund long read on the health of women from ethnic minority groups](#)

Out of the Shadows: Shining a light on registered nurses in learning disability working in social care

13 November 2025 12.00-2.00

A free webinar, hosted by the RCN Learning Disability Forum highlights the work of learning disabilities nurses in social care. Find out about their inspirational careers and the pathways that have led them there.

[Shining a light on registered nurses in learning disability working in social care](#) | [Events](#) | [Royal College of Nursing](#)

Learning Disabilities: From hospitals to humans

25 November 1.00-2.00

How did we get here, and what can we learn from the past?

Throughout history, people with learning disabilities have been misunderstood and misrepresented, often leading to appalling outcomes.

In this webinar, Stephen Unwin and Jim Blair reflect on how attitudes have evolved over the decades and identify areas where further work is needed to eliminate discrimination and indifference.

[Register for this Zoom webinar](#)

Joy Warmington MBE on Anti-racism, Leadership and the Courage to Speak Out

What is anti-racism, and why is it important in the context of health and care? Jo Vigor sat down with Joy Warmington MBE, Chief Executive of the equalities and human rights charity BRAP, to find out. Joy explores the importance of forging genuine change beyond target setting and delves into her own journey of leading authentically and having the courage to do things differently.

[Read Joy's insights on the King's Fund website](#)

You might also want to take a look at [Sheila McGovern's blog: I might get this wrong](#) where she talks about bias and racism when facilitating and suggests it's better to get it wrong than to not talk about it at all.

Call for Abstracts Now Open for 10th International Nurse Education Conference

Resilient futures: Transforming nursing and midwifery education for a changing world

Edinburgh, 1-4 November 2026

Abstracts are invited on:

- Transforming the practice learning environment
- New technologies, AI, simulation and social media in education
- Learning, teaching, and assessment innovations
- Global and planetary health challenges
- Sustainable curriculum development
- Lifelong learning and professional development
- Knowledge translation into practice ... and more

Deadline for abstracts is 15 May 2026

[Find out more and submit your abstract](#)

Last Call: Churchill Fellowship applications

Closes midday 4 November 2025

[Top tips video available on YouTube](#)

The Churchill Fellowship themes include health and wellbeing, mental health and older people.

"Anyone thinking of applying, I would say just do it."

[Applications for the Churchill Fellowship are now OPEN!](#)

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