

Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Forum Annual Report 2022
Children and Young People's Professional Issues Forum (CYP PIF)
Steering Committee report

Forum Name:

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Introduction and Acknowledgement:

This CYP PIF report is written and circulated to inform RCN members of the Steering Committee and Forum activities achieved during 2021 and to date.

The recovery from the significant adjustment to services that were required due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and COVID-19 restrictions is evident in clinical practice and within nurse education. Nursing staff and the wider teams are to be congratulated on their dedication to patient care and for their personal resilience during an extremely challenging time. It is pertinent to thank RCN Children and Young People's Professional Issues Forum Steering Committee, CYP PI Forum members, Michelle Eleftheriades Professional Lead for Children and Young People's Nursing and Jannathul Ahmed CYP PIF administration support, without whom the work of CYP PIF would not have continued.

The vacancies in the Children and Young People's Professional Issues Forum Steering Committee did not attract any applicants. There has been further recruitment for the role of Chair, we congratulate Doris Corkin on a successful application and look forward to Doris taking up her post in January 2023.

Monthly CYP PIF meetings were organised via Microsoft Teams and the attendance has been variable. Additional communication channels are email, Facebook and the Twitter page. The CYP PIF Steering Committee have volunteered to take part in the projects initiated by the Forum Chairs and details of these will be made available as the work progresses.

Background:

The CYP PI forum was established to provide strategic direction for the nursing communities it represents and the purpose of the CYP PI forum is to:

- Connect with RCN members and wider groups involved in the care of Children and Young People.
- Be the voice of CYP Professional issues forum members

- Set the agenda for the strategic direction of the CYP Professional Issues Forum and the communities linked to CYP PIF
- Shape, drive and develop nursing practice, providing opportunities for support, advice and professional development
- Advise, influence and inform decision-making to influence current and future health and social policy in the UK and internationally
- Facilitate the work of the CYP Professional issues communities to include operational plans, project bids and Congress activities
- Promote collaborative working across the CYP Professional issues communities and with external organisations

Confirmation is still required regarding the continuance of input to CYP PIF from the communities previously linked to CYP PIF and which are listed below:

- Pain in Children and Young People
- Children's Intensive Care Mangers
- Advanced Nursing Practice
- Children's Leadership and Management
- Practice Development and Education Community
- Research in Child health

The connection with the networks to the Children and Young People's Professional Issues Forum (CYP PIF) Steering Committee was added to the workplan for 2021 to 2022 but no active networking has taken place.

Membership of the CYP PI forum:

The current membership number for the CYP PIF is 5,407 which is an increase on last year, and there are weekly requests to join. Applications are reviewed by the RCN administrator to ensure that members are RCN members.

Steering Committee Members and term of office:

Jean Davies 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2022 Chair

Mary Brady 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2022

Doris Corkin 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2023

Danielle Edge 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2023

Lucia Ashton 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2024

Yasmin Khanagha 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2024

Achievements in 2022: (Outputs and outcomes)

Danielle continues to lead and monitor the CYP PIF twitter page
[@CYPPIF](#) – Twitter account.

The Forum Governance Group (FGG) for the review of outdated RCN CYP and other related publications have been processed and publication is awaited.

Michelle Eleftheriades has circulated relevant documents and information throughout the year.

Conferences:

Jean Davies attended the PNAE (Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe) meetings and the 6th PNAE Congress hosted in person by Belgium on the 5th and 6th of October 2022.

The information from the meetings can be accessed on [PNAE – Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe \(PNAE\)](#).

The current work includes the analysis of Paediatric Early Warning Systems survey across Europe.

Representation at meetings:

Danielle Edge represented CYP PIF at the meetings to prepare the CYP Conference in 2021.

Jean Davies representing CYP PIF at the Forum Chairs monthly meetings chaired by Sally Bassett and has contributed to the workplan.

Social media – twitter chats, all members contribute to these platforms.

Congress – fringes or resolutions/ matters for discussion

The 2022 Congress took place in May in Glasgow. CYP PIF seconded an Emergency Resolution on the new Bill of Human Rights.

RCN member (4-country perspective).

There are no current projects for involvement but CYP PIF are keen to contribute to future work when requests received.

Any other relevant information:

Contribution to Consultations/Policy development

Members have responded as required to requests for information.

Plans for 2023:

Encourage members of Steering Committee to attend meetings and RCN Congress and invite colleagues from practice to join. The aim is to widen participation, to succession plan and ensure that future vacancies are filled.

Discuss and agree Project bids for submission in 2023.

Work with other committees to develop Clinical Pages.

Suggest future work at the CYP Strategy Day in December 2022.

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