

Independent Health and Social Care Sector Partnership Board

Thursday 15 April 2021

Key messages from meeting:

- The first meeting of the newly formed RCN UK independent health and social care sector partnership Board was held on the 15 April 2021.
- This Board will build on earlier work to improve RCN representation and support for members employed in the independent health and social care sector.
- Co-chaired by Jeremy Benton, RCN Council member who works in the independent health and social care sector and Pat Cullen, RCN Executive Lead for this programme of work, this partnership Board comprises RCN members and staff and at this first meeting a number of key workstreams were agreed.
- These workstreams include: a proposal to commission research that will lead to the development of a dependency tool to inform safe staffing in care homes, the evaluation of RCN member roles within care homes to underpin the fair pay for nursing campaign and an exploration of the development and implementation of an RCN accreditation scheme for care homes.
- The Board also intend to review and relaunch the independent sector pay negotiations guidance and the use of the care home mapping tool to help with targeted marketing and analytics.
- As Board members we are committed to changing the focus of the organisation, so that all members irrespective of where they work get an equitable service and representation.
- To begin to embed this mindset we are encouraging our staff to stop and think independent sector in the planning of all our activities.