**Key Messages of the Closed Session of the meeting**

**held on 7 September 2020**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

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| **Present:** |  |
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| Maggy Heaton (Chair) | Board Member |
| Hayley Cooper | Board Member |
| Sam Turner | Board Member |
| Sally Young | Professional Committee |
| Carmel O’Boyle (Vice Chair) | Board Member |
| Mark Anthony | Board Member |
| Mike Travis | Trade Union Committee |
| Rosemary Wheeler | Board Member |
| Sharon Mason  Alan Finnegan  Jill Lloyd | Board Member  Board Member  Board Administrator |
| Estephanie Dunn | Board Secretary |
| **In attendance:** |  | |
| Danielle Scapens | Communications Manager | |
| Paul Wood | Operational Manager | |
| **Apologies** |  | |
| Alison Taylor | Board Member | |
| Dave Dawes | Council Member | |
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**Key Messages**

**Independent Health & Social Care Sectors Strategy**

Paul Wood, Operational Manager, explained that this was an opportunity for Board engagement with the new strategy and he gave an update on the current work that was being undertaken. Paul agreed to update the Board as this work progressed.

**Board Funding**

Jill Lloyd, Board Administrator, gave an overview of the Board spending to date. Branch activity money and congress non-voting money had been underutilised this year due to physical branch events and congress not taking place. Branches are reminded to engage with the bidding process if they wish to apply for funding from the Board.

**Board Elections**

The Board elections process closed on Friday 4th September. Nominations are currently being ratified and the details of geographical areas that candidates have stood is not yet currently known. We do know however that we had eight seats up for re-election and only four members have stood. This means that another round of elections will need to take place before the end of the year. The position will be shared once known.

**RCN Group Education, Learning & Development Strategy**

Dr Nichola Ashby, Head of Professional Learning and Development, gave an update and overview on this important piece of work via a short presentation. She explained how this was an opportunity for all members to engage in the new strategy. Links to the online feedback form and strategy have been shared prior to the meeting and Board members were encouraged to respond prior to the closing date at the end of the month.

**Member Engagement Sessions**

The Board was informed that the region plans to hold Member Engagement Sessions going forward. Initially they will be set up and advertised to be held every fortnight. The meetings will be kept informal with no set agenda but will be a questions and answer session for members to engage with staff and board members.