**Key Messages from NW Board 22nd May 2020**

**Board Elections 2020**

The NW Board has 15 members in total, one RCN Council member, Trade Union Committee member, Professional Nursing Committee member, and twelve elected members. During the 2020 election eight seats are due to be elected to.

A set of criteria agreed by the Board aims to ensure that the composition of the Board is balanced, as fairly as possible, across the region.

The timeline agreed by RCN Council at its meeting on 21 April for the country and regional board elections is as follows:

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| Nominations open | 10 July 2020 |
| Nominations close | 4 September 2020 |
| Candidates’ details published | 8 October 2020 |
| Candidates notified if uncontested | By 12 October 2020 |
| Voting opens | 29 October 2020 |
| Voting closes | 26 November 2020 |
| Candidates notified and results published | By 30 November 2020 |

Members are encouraged to apply for positions once the nominations open on 10 July 2020 and further information will be available on the website.

**Communications Update**

**Nurses Day**

It was noted that even though events have been cancelled due to the Pandemic we still had a presence virtually online for Nurses Day. A film had been produced to celebrate Nursing in the North West and this had been widely shared and was featured on local news channel.

**Activist e-updates**

Activist-e-updates had been increased to weekly from fortnightly during the height of the pandemic. It was decided following discussion that the Activist-e-updates would return to fortnightly. It was agreed to continue with the daily media updates.