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

**meeting held on 19 February 2021**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

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| **Present:** |  |
| Dave Dawes | Council Member |
| Andrea Willimott | Board Member |
| Stephen Wenham | Board Member |
| Hollie Jarvis | Board Member |
| Joshua Gilroy | Board Member |
| Carmel O’Boyle (Chair) | Board Member |
| Mark Anthony (Vice Chair) | Board Member |
| Mike Travis | Trade Union Committee |
| Lauren Mawson | Board Member |
| Sharon Mason  Alan Finnegan  Roshanak Valizadeh  Zoe Ahearne  Jill Lloyd | Board Member  Board Member  Board Member  Board Member  Board Administrator |
| Estephanie Dunn | Board Secretary |
| **In attendance:** |  | |
| Danielle Scapens | Communications Manager | |
| Paul Wood | Operational Manager | |
| **Apologies** |  | |
| Sally Young | Professional Nursing Committee | |
| **Observers**  Maggy Heaton | UK Steward Committee | |
| James Savage | UK Student Committee | |

**Key Messages**

**New Board Membership**

The configuration of the North West Board has changed considerably, and the new members were warmly welcomed. Please click on the link below to find out the names of our current Board members. <https://www.rcn.org.uk/northwest/about/regional-board>

**Board Funding**

Jill Lloyd, Board Administrator, informed the Board that the allocation for funding this year was £22,023. Branches are actively encouraged to consider making a bid for funding to the Board. Bids should be made in a timely manner and with as much detail as possible to allow the Board to make an informed decision or to seek further clarification from the Branch. If Branches need further information or a copy of the bidding form then please contact Jill Lloyd – [jill.lloyd@rcn.org.uk](mailto:jill.lloyd@rcn.org.uk)

**Congress**

Congress has been postponed from May to September. A communication had gone out to the membership telling them the new dates for Congress are 18th to 20th September. It is hoped that Congress can be a face to face event, but virtual options are also being explored. A final decision will be made by Council in April as to whether a face to face event will be possible.

**AGM**

The AGM will be held virtually on 14th May 2021. It was noted that the membership would be asked to vote on whether the RCN should re-join the International Council of Nurses.

**SSEC update**

Paul Wood, Operations Manager, gave an update on the current campaign. He explained that the campaign was going to evolve over several years. A change in legislation was not the primary goal but acknowledged that this may happen along the way. The region leads previously in place have ended and the lead for the campaign has been picked up by the Professional Nursing Committee (PNC). The PNC has compiled a set of workforce standards, which would be a framework of reference for all employers. The document is awaiting sign off and a rollout plan will be agreed. It is hoped that these standards will be a valuable resource for members to raise and escalate concerns.