

The Royal College of Nursing is a professional membership organisation that has a dual role as Royal College and Trade Union. It has 450,000 members across the UK and includes registered nurses, care assistants and student nurses.

The organisation focuses on professional nursing practice wherever care is provided and across all health sectors (private, public etc.). It works with governments across the UK to ensure that nursing is included in all health, public health and social care policy developments and implementation. As a Trade union we support the needs and representation of our members with a focus on health and safety.

Infection prevention and control is recognised as a core element of patient and staff safety and this shapes our work from a reactive and proactive perspective. The IPC lead works with other specialist advisers to enable IPC to be embedded in nursing practice rather than an addition. We work closely with medical royal colleges and societies and other stakeholders and support collaborative working where possible.

### **2016 activities:**

These have been limited for 2 years due to the addition of another role which has now ceased

- Supporting EPHA as scientific adviser for the AMR programme
- Supporting EFN on AMR activity
- Contributing the ECDC TRICE-IS delivery
- Leading AMR activity and the nursing contribution to

this nationally

- Contributing to the development of national standards on anti-microbial impregnated surfaces
- Revision and updating of RCN IPC publications
- Revision and publication of the RCN Standards for Infusion Therapy
- Lessons identified following the Ebola outbreak and development of work on infections of high consequence
- Leading the RCN work on procurement of consumables and supplies (Small changes)
- Supporting national programmes of work on sepsis and use of blood and blood products

### **2017 activities**

These are still in development but include:

- Expansion of the procurement work
- Updating of the RCN position on AMR and the contribution of nursing
- Continuing to support EPHA and EFN
- Updating of RCN IPC publications including guidance on the management of waste and gloves guidance
- Expansion of the RCN IPC Network
- Development of leadership programmes for AMR/IPC

### **Congresses and courses**

- There are no dates available for courses currently but these will be in English
- No national conferences are currently planned but under consideration – English language

3. prepare a short talk about your society to be included as a video in the web site (in Amsterdam we are planning the possibility to record the video): this is optional; - *not done yet*

4. review the information about your society already available in the web so that we can update them if needed: consider the possibility to upload your picture. – *to be completed*