

Annex 1
Member society profile (for the web site)

1. Name of the society*/Institution* (included acronym):

Royal College of Nursing (RCN)

2. Legal address: 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN

3. Logo of the society (to be published in the web site)



4. Flag of the country



5. President / legally responsible person: Dr Peter Carter, General Secretary, Chief Executive

6. Contact person (who will represent the society in the network):

Name: Rose

Surname: Gallagher

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7. Short presentation of the society: scope, members, history (max 250 words)

Founded in 1916 as a professional organisation for trained nurses, the Royal College of Nursing is both a trade union and professional body. The Royal College of Nursing is the voice of nursing across the UK, representing nurses at local, national and international level. The RCN promotes the interest of nurses and patients on a wide range of issues and helps shape healthcare policy by working closely with the UK Government and other national and international institutions, trade unions, professional bodies and voluntary organisations

For infection prevention and control, this sits at the heart of the RCN's patient safety and quality strategy and has dedicated resources to support this. IPC sits within the professional practice arm of the College where we aim to influence, develop and support nursing practice.

8. Members in the last year (2011): 410,000 total members. IPC network membership 1000

9. Web site (if existing), and contact email address. www.rcn.org.uk and www.rcnc.org.uk/ipc

10. Publications: i.e. journals, books, guidelines, position papers, others

- The role of the link nurse in infection prevention and control: developing a link nurse framework – 2012
http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/481515/004310.pdf
- Infection prevention and control commissioning toolkit, guidance for nursing and commissioning staff in England, 2012.
http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/481482/Final Version of the IPC Commissioning Toolkit 17.10.12.pdf
- Sharps safety - RCN guidance to support implementation of the EU Directive 2010/32/EU on the prevention of sharps injuries in the health care sector.
http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/418490/004135.pdf
- Tools of the trade – RCN guidance for healthcare staff on glove use and the prevention of contact dermatitis, 2012
http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/450507/RCNguidance_glovesdermatitis WEB2.pdf
- Essential practice for infection prevention and control – 2012
http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/427832/004166.pdf
- Panton-Valentine Leukocidin Positive Staphylococcus Aureus (PVL-SA) Guidance for Health Care Professionals – 2011
http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/400787/004128.pdf
- Information and Learning Resources for Health Care Staff - 2011
http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/394567/003876.pdf
- The selection and use of disinfectant wipes – 2011
http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/382538/003873.pdf

- Panton-Valentine Leukocidin Positive Staphylococcus Aureus Poster – 2011
http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/354294/003850.pdf
- Joint RCN/IPC Position Statement on Commissioning of Infection Prevention (England) - January 2011
http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/360806/IPS_Joint_Position_Statement.pdf
- Guidance on uniforms and workwear 2009 -
http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/78652/002724.pdf
(currently under revision)

11. Main activities for IPC : (max 250 words)

- a. Development of practice standards, policy and guidance on infection prevention and control
- b. Representing the RCN at stakeholder meetings and working groups
- c. Influencing and supporting the development of government policy on health and healthcare
- d. Responding to national and international consultations
- e. Membership of multi-professional forums/groups at national and international level
- f. Research (ad hoc but increasing)
- g. Supporting RCN members
- h. Facilitating RCN IPC network activity
- i. Organisation of conferences (frequency varies depending on need and remit)