In strategic alliance with

5 Year Strategic Research Alliance
Professor Donna Kinnair
Dr Tony Ryan
Dame Donna Kinnair, Director of Nursing, Policy & Practice

RCN key aims for the Alliance are:

Ø Be strategic and influential in resolving pressing nursing issues

Ø Articulate and build case for the value of nursing profession and leadership

Ø Build research capacity in the nursing community
Historical context:

1959: Research Discussion Group, forerunner to Research Society
1968: First RCN research conference
1970-975: Study of Nursing Care project (includes The Unpopular Patient, by Felicity Stockwell)
1976: First RCN research officer
1973-1989: RCN Research Series (57 research papers commissioned by RCN)
1997: RCN Research and Development Co-ordinating Centre
1999: First research e-bulletin (continues today)
2007: Strategic research alliance, RCN Research Institute (based at University of Warwick)
2007-2013: RCN Research Strategy
2014–2018: Knowledge and Innovation Action Plan
Dr. Tony Ryan - Director of Research School of Nursing and Midwifery, The University of Sheffield
Strategic Aims

To produce excellent international quality research and evidence reviews that will inform national and international nursing and health practice and policy, thus benefitting patients, families, health professionals and health outcomes.

To disseminate and share research findings to inform developments in education, practice and policy designed to improve nursing and healthcare.

To enhance public and user awareness of nursing issues.

To work alongside users, carers and stakeholders to ensure that the activities are significant, meaningful and timely.

To utilise research to inform nursing educational programmes.
In strategic alliance with Evidence Review Capacity Building

Building on the evidence base to demonstrate the value of nursing
Research Themes

**EDUCATION:** Recruitment and retention, fitness for purpose and models of delivery

**WORKFORCE:** Emerging roles, models of working and patient safety

**EVALUATION:** Advice, support in evaluating RCN led activities
Example Projects

1) Rapid review of skill mix interventions and their impact on patient safety outcomes

2) A cohort study to explore Advance Nurse Practitioner role, experience and change

3) Consensus development conference "Promoting Access to Quality Nursing Care"
Capacity Building

PhD RCN/UoS studentships x2 (fees, backfill and support costs)

RCN Scholars x 2 p.a (small grants to pump prime activity)

Practitioner Network Seminars
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