



The FoNS Weekly News

On the frontline of the UK's corridor care crisis



Corridor Care: Impacting patients, loved ones and professionals

This week Joanne Bosanquet talks about her personal experience of corridor care and how it impacts on patients, loved ones and the health

professionals who have to work in these situations.

[Joanne talks about the impact of corridor 'care'](#)

FoNS Joins Coalition on Corridor 'Care'

FoNS is proud to be a member of this coalition of health and care organisations, led by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), which calls for our Government to take urgent action on the normalisation of corridor care* across the NHS. The letter written to our Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the CEO for NHSE is [here](#).

This is not news to FoNS. Our CEO Joanne Bosanquet co-wrote a blog for the Health Foundation with Heather Wilson, almost a year ago.

The RCN CEO and General Secretary, Nicola Ranger, became very vocal, appearing on BBC Newsnight in May 2024 and then spoke about corridor care at the RCN annual Congress in 2024. A report was published in June 2024 following their first survey, this can be read [here](#). The RCN declared a national emergency, stating corridor care is a crisis.

Since then, corridor 'care' has become increasingly normalised. For those at the receiving end and their carers/families, it is unsafe, undignified and inhumane. It causes moral distress for our nursing and wider workforce and places registered nurses in compromised position, both ethically and morally.

The RCN recently published a comprehensive report: **[RCN report published](#)**. This follows a spot survey to RCN members over Christmas. Thousands of testimonies are included over 460 pages.

FoNS will continue to support this through the coalition and our CEO is available for comment.

Joanne Bosanquet, CEO admin@fons.org 0207 307 2857.

* clinical care taking place in an inappropriate environment (e.g. an additional bed in a bay, storage room, cupboard, waiting room, a corridor or a location not designed for patients).

TODAY!

The Art of Nursing: Real Partnership Through Art

22 Jan 2025, 13:00 - 14:00

Join FoNS Trustee Dr Marion Lynch and Lived Experience Lead Jolie Goodman for the third Art of Nursing webinar to hear how artists are helping health.

[Book your free ticket](#)

RBCS: A Public Programme Open to All!

An online programme of Resilience-based Clinical Supervision, open to all. This participatory online programme will support individuals to deliver Resilience-based Clinical Supervision (RBCS) in their own workplace. RBCS is a tried and tested form of restorative clinical supervision, evidence-based and enjoyed by nurses and AHPs across the country and beyond.

Maximum group size is 6 people. **[Book here](#)**.

- Session 1: 21 February- 9.30-12.30
- Session 2: 28 February-9.30-12.30
- Session 3: 14 March-9.30-11.30
- Session 4: 21 March-9.30-11.30
- Session 5: 4 April-9.30-12.30

£475 per person

The FoNS Social Care Scholarship

Why should you apply?

Karen Davies, Senior Projects Nurse with HC One. She is an Alumni of the Residential Programme and had this to say about the value of the Residential Programme for social care nurses:

Attending the FoNS residential programme was and continues to be a liberating experience. The focus on our ability as leaders in my case as an adult social care nurse, the need to understand facilitate and lead person centred care and develop well-defined teams with shared goals and clear roles and responsibilities values and beliefs.

Understanding what type of leader you are and how your team can become positive collaborators, benefits the staff but also leads to better patient.

Supportive staff development through well-structured appraisals, mentorship, clinical supervision, and ongoing learning opportunities, creates cultures of feeling valued trusted and positive participation. One that will encourage retention and aid recruitment as staff develop in a positive learning environment.

The Richard Tompkins Nurse Development Scholarship

What do recent scholars say?

It was lovely to spend a little time with Marianne Hamlyn, Natasha Gordon and Julia Andrew hearing about their experiences of the Residential Programme and the ongoing mentorship. Thanks for sharing and inspiring!

[Watch the video on the FoNS website](#)

Alumni Meeting: 10.00-12.00, 23 January 2025: Zentangle Drawing

An online session to explore the Zentangle® Method. Zentangle is an art therapy, designed to calm and quieten the mind through the repetition of lines.

Open to all FoNS alumni – please get in touch (email admin@fons.org) if you haven't received the invitation or are having any problems booking your free place.

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