



The FoNS Weekly News





Joanne's Christmas message

Dear colleagues, friends and alumni

As we come to the end of 2024 and I am in reflection mode, I am smiling from ear to ear, my head full of amazing memories and moments of absolute joy.

Saying that, I do not underestimate the challenges out in our health and care system. In some ways, 2024 has been possibly the hardest for our profession in my 35-year career.

I feel this year has been a very positive one for FoNS, and am especially pleased that we are working on two national programmes supporting nurses and their teams in mental health and social care in collaboration with some phenomenal leaders and commissioners. As part of this, we were able to welcome two lived experience leads and we are working towards ensuring the voice of lived experience is hard baked into our programmes and the organisation itself.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome other new members of staff to the team and I'm delighted that with a bigger organisation comes more capacity to support nurses and nursing and to ensure that the values we hold as central, are out there in the wider nursing world. It is a source of pride to me to be part of the nursing and midwifery communities and thank every one of you for supporting us on our journey into person-centredness and our focus on healthful workplace cultures.

Looking forward, 2025 will no doubt continue to challenge us but I'm confident that as an organisation and as a profession, our strong values will enable us to address the often 'too difficult to do' issues. Nursing is a passion we all share.

So it just remains for me to say, on behalf of our team, Board of Trustees, and Patrons, we wish you a very happy festive season.

Look after yourselves

Joanne

Winter closing hours

The FoNS office will be closed from end of business on Friday 20 December 2024 and will reopen at 9.00 on Thursday 2 January 2025.

**The Art of Nursing: Real Partnership
Through Art**

Wed, 22 Jan 2025 13:00 - 14:00 GMT

The third Art of Nursing Webinar, in partnership with Foundation of Nursing Studies, to showcase how nurses and artists can work together.

Are the voices of health service users really heard or reduced to feedback with some voices silenced by assumptions or misinterpretation? Many people say yes. We ask how can the arts help? The arts have always raised erased voices and views.

This webinar brings person centredness to life in an artful way. Designed and delivered by artists and experts by experience from health and arts charities we showcase examples of how the artists and the arts are part of health.

[Book your free ticket on Eventbrite.](#)

Additional hardship support

The RCN Foundation have produced a list of additional organisations across the UK that are here to support you

[RCN Foundation Additional Hardship list](#)

What needs to improve for social care to better support people with dementia?

The number of people living with dementia in the UK is rising. Even if treatments can be developed quickly, the social care system needs to change in order to better support the growing numbers of people affected. This report sets out what the current challenges are with providing good social care for people with dementia, and makes recommendations about what needs to change to improve social care for people with dementia.

[New report from the Nuffield Trust Nov 2024.](#)

Entry deadline for the Student Nursing Times Awards 2025 has been extended!

You now have until 5pm on Friday 10 January 2025 to perfect and submit your application. This extra time is your chance to shine and show the nursing community what makes your story stand out!

[Read more and submit an application.](#)

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