The Queen’s Nursing Institute announces annual conference

The Queen’s Nursing Institute is holding its next annual conference at the Royal College of General Practitioners in London on Monday 28 September. The programme will be announced shortly and we will be bringing together a range of key speakers from national and local healthcare organisations, to speak about the most urgent issues facing community nursing and primary health care today.

There will be ample opportunity to question and meet speakers and to network with Queen’s Nurses and specialists from the whole range of the community nursing workforce. The event will also include an exhibition, showcasing voluntary and healthcare organisations of particular relevance to community nurses. Community nurses can already book their places at the event through the QNI’s website, and the early bird rate is available until 30 April (www.qni.org.uk).

We will also hear from a number of frontline practitioners about innovative work they are doing in the community, as well as from QNI staff who will be explaining more about the project work they are involved in.

NEW PROJECTS

Hospital discharge was identified as one of the areas of biggest concern to community nurses in our survey of district nurses last year. Eighty-seven percent of respondents to the survey indicated that there were problems with hospital discharge arrangements in their area. The Department of Health has now commissioned the QNI to investigate the causes of poor discharge arrangements and how these impact on community healthcare.

If you would like to be involved with this project, please contact the project manager, Candice Pellett (candice.pellett@qni.org.uk). Candice is a Queen’s Nurse and very experienced district nurse who has joined the QNI from community services in Lincolnshire. We will be reporting the outcomes of this project in 2016.

Candice is simultaneously working on a second project, which aims to formally measure and describe the value of the district nursing specialist practitioner qualification (SPQ). The QNI has campaigned for several years for renewed investment into this qualification, which we believe is the ‘gold standard’ for district nursing education. In the past year we have seen new commissions for these SPQs, but there is still a long way to go if we are to train and supply enough district nurses to meet the demand for more people to be treated in their own homes and communities.

We are also working with our sister charity, QNI Scotland, to frame new national standards for the SPQ. We hope this will ensure greater consistency across all parts of the UK and help bring the district nursing educational framework fully up to date.

As part of the QNI’s effort to attract more nurses to undertake the SPQ, we have created a new academic prize, the Philip Goodeve-Docker Prize, which is available to the top-performing district nursing student at every university in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. More information about the prize is available on our website (www.qni.org.uk).

Find out more...

All of our events are listed on the QNI website at: www.qni.org.uk/news_events/events. Please note that all our events are subject to availability.

Round of applause: the QNI’s annual conference will be held on 28 September in London.
Annual Conference 2015

Healthcare in the Community

Monday 28 September 2015
Royal College of General Practitioners, London

Join us for a day of stimulating debate about nursing in the community. A full programme and speaker list will be announced shortly.

All community nurses and allied health professionals are encouraged to attend. Exhibition and lunch are included.

More information and booking details: www.qni.org.uk
Book before 30 April and save £25 on the full delegate rate.
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