

Public Health Forum

Meet the team

The new steering committee for the Public Health Forum was formed in October 2010.

- Nicola Mills - Chair (from December 2012)
- Beverley Griggs
- Helen Kirk - sits on Council for Work & Health
- Joanne Ashmore
- Linda Bailey
- Mairi Gaffney
- Jason Warriner - Chair elect (from January 2013)
- Nicola Meredith has been appointed to the steering committee in 2012 and will take up her position in January 2013

Coordinating with other organisations

The RCN has linked up with other organisations for some important campaigns to encourage government to make healthy choices easier for the population.

Tobacco packaging

The RCN is a supporter of the [Plain Packs Protect Partnership campaign](#). Dr Peter Carter, Chief Executive & General Secretary, said:

“Every day nurses see the serious health consequences of tobacco, and the RCN has consistently campaigned for initiatives to reduce the number of people who smoke. However, smoking remains the major cause of premature death and disease killing over 100,000 people each year. Crucially, we now need more robust ideas to stop young people smoking in the first place, such as clamping down on the use of tobacco packaging as advertising. This is why we support the campaign for plain standardised packaging.”

Food labelling

The RCN has worked with a wide range of organisations to put together this joint response to the front of pack nutrition labelling consultation for food products. The recommendation in this response is for consistent traffic light labelling for fat, saturates, sugars, salt and energy. Please visit [Joint response to UK consultation on front of pack nutrition labelling](#).

Proposed changes to public health in England

Changes to the funding, commissioning and delivery of public health services in England have been proposed by the Government in the [White Paper Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Our Strategy for Public Health in England](#).

The RCN has been promoting the role of nursing in discussions at every stage of the consultation process.

2012

In January 2012, the Department of Health published the [public health outcomes framework](#) with indicators across the four domains of improving the wider determinants of health, health improvement, health protection, healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality.