

Name of Forum	Public Health Forum	Date of Report	Oct 2022 -March 2023
Professional Lead	Jessica Turner	Forum Chair	

Please provide a summary of how the forum has represented the RCN over the past 6 months and the key points for FGG to note:

Hanna Kaur, chair of the public health forum steering committee, recently represented the RCN at two key meetings. Hanna is a Tuberculosis (TB) Lead Nurse Specialist and represents the forum for TB on several national groups.

1. In October 2022, Hanna attended the UK Joint Tuberculosis Committee (JTC). The JTC is an independent group which seeks to co-ordinate and inform work relating to TB care across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and is hosted by the British Thoracic Society (BTS). In summary, the principal aims of the JTC are to co-ordinate specialist expert opinion across the United Kingdom in those matters which require national attention and action and act as a source of advice on tuberculosis.

During this meeting, the JTC committee membership was discussed, and it was agreed that no changes would be made at this stage. Other key areas of discussion included current drug shortages, non-tuberculous mycobacteria (NTM), TB training for trainees (medical and nursing) and refugees from Ukraine, as there is a high rate of drug resistance TB in Ukraine.

2. In November 2022, Hanna attended the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Global TB. The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global TB's mission is to accelerate progress towards ending the TB epidemic. This

What has been the impact or difference made as a result of the member representation; for example you might want to consider:

How has it informed practice (e.g. clinical, policy, education, research) and the work of the forum/organisation?

How has it influenced developments/changes in areas of practice (e.g. clinical, policy, education, research)?

How has it impacted any of our positions?

Has it provided intelligence that the RCN would not have known without representation?

How has the representation raised the profile of the RCN?

Any other relevant information you would like to share with FGG?