



Nurses which was extremely successful. This is a key output for the Research Forum with a steering committee member chairing the scientific committee-, for 2024 this was Dr Barbara Farquharson. We had 400 delegates from 13 different countries. The focus was specifically showcasing research that addresses the needs of under-served populations. We also celebrated research that uses innovative designs to facilitate inclusion of all stakeholders.

2. – two voting members attended Congress. This included a fringe learning event to raise awareness of the importance of research and the work of the research forum, including partnership working with KCL to develop six research modules.
3. – the research forum contributed as part of an expert reference group towards the design and development of six research modules in partnership with KCL and the RCN, funded via the NIHR.
4. - The forum actively engages with members through social media. We have successfully commenced a podcast series, with currently three conversations currently hosted on the RCN Research Forum web page, with more planned. We would appreciate RCN comms help so that the podcasts can be shared on searchable podcast platforms.  
<https://www.rcn.org.uk/Get-Involved/Forums/Research-Forum> (podcasts here and on sound cloud).
5. Kent, B, Ali, PA, Farquharson, B, Harris, R, Johnston, B, Kelly, D, McKenna, H, McMahon, A, Taylor, RM & Traynor, M (2024), 'Hidden' work and lost opportunities: Nursing research and Impact Case Studies submitted to REF2021', 'Journal 2024:0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/17449871241261971>

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6. Members of the Steering Committee have made a significant contribution to national initiatives to develop and strengthen academic nursing clinical career pathways:
  - Dr Barbara Farquarson represents the RCN at the Clinical Academic Roles Implementation Network (CARIN) hosted by the Councils of Deans for Health.
  - Dr Keith Couper represents the RCN on the CNO (England) Strategic Advisory Board – Research; CNO Strategic Plan for Research – Delivery Board.
  - Professor Bridget Johnston represents the RCN on the UK Coordinated Approaches to Research and Care Embedded (CARE) group – tackling the separation of research and care in the NHS.

