

Innovating Care: The Role of Specialist Nurses in Modern Healthcare

3rd Annual Nurses in Specialist Roles Conference

Friday 16 October 2026 at the Northern Stage, Newcastle upon Tyne

PROGRAMME

Registration 8.00am – 8.15am - with online check in				
Ian Joy – Introduction and welcome 8.15 - main theatre				
Professor Alison Leary, South Bank University, London - The role of the Specialist Nurse in Modern Healthcare 08.30-09.15 - main theatre				
Professor Barry Hill, Northumbria University – The importance of sharing practice and writing for publication 09.15-10.00 - main theatre				
	MAIN THEATRE	WORKSHOP ROOM	2nd LARGE THEATRE	MEZZANINE
Time	Clinical – main theatre	Research	Leadership	Education
10.30-10.55	Pam Dalrymple, Advanced CNS-Lung Cancer, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde – A practical approach to prehab	Beth Carr, Paediatric Nurse Specialist, RVI, Newcastle - "Puppy Power" and Patient Panel	Lucy Craig, Nurse Consultant Paediatric Rheumatology, RVI, Newcastle – Grand Round 10.30 - 11.30	Angela Bell and Meg Hurst, Nurse Specialists Palliative Care, RVI, Newcastle- Difficult conversations in clinical practice
10.55-11.20	Julia Russell, Nurse Specialist Paediatric Endocrinology, RVI - Nursing care in children with differences of sex development (DSD)			Lianne Horscroft, Practice Placement Facilitator, Freeman Hospital - Children and Young Persons Specialist Nurses rotation placement
11.20-11.45	Fiona Cook, TB Nurse Specialist Lead, RVI - Biologics and TB impact		TBC from 11.30	TBC from 11.20
11.45-12.00 moving time +/- lunch				

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	Paula McLaren, Senior Nursing Advisor for Advanced Practice, NMC & Linda Hobson, Unison (TBC) - Frequently asked questions and Q&A for those not attending the breakout session	TBC	TBC	TBC
13.00-13.30	Naomi Knight, Nurse Consultant & Tracey Watts, Nurse Specialist, Community - Title TBC	Kelly Marrs, CNS, Adult home ventilation - Lean into Green: Reducing Consumables Use in Home Ventilation Through Quality Improvement	Jemma Marr, Practice Placement Facilitator - The role of the Nursing Associate in Specialist Teams	Jade Ryles, Nurse Specialist, Paediatric Oncology, RVI – Kidzscan - changing hospital interaction one scan at a time
13.30-14.00	Sam Costello, Diabetes Educator, Chelsea Longhorn, TPIAT CNS & Vicki Applegarth, Diabetes Specialist Nurse - Delivering and growing a highly specialised service - TPIAT a nurse specialist perspective	Dr Kate Crook, NMAHP Research Clinical Educator & Dr James Faraday, Deputy Research Lead (tbc), Newcastle Hospitals – The 4Ps Research Education Programme	Catherine Carr, Head of Nursing, Medicine & Emergency Care – Leadership and the Nurse Specialist Role	Lisa Gorringer, Lead Diabetes Specialist Nurse - Embedding Education to Optimise Outcomes within Newcastle’s Insulin Pump Service
14.00-14.30	Annette Lee & Kim Johnston, Endocrine CNS - Steroid Education-Sick Day Rules	Rachel Orwin, Lung Cancer CNS & Research Fellow, Newcastle Hospitals - Measuring the impact of research fellowships at Newcastle Hospitals	Journey to role of Nurse Consultant - tbc	Dr Issy Orwin, F2, North Tees Hospital – Multidisciplinary Team Learning

14.30-15.00 coffee break				
	Clinical	Research	Leadership	Education - Mezzanine
15.00-15.30	Fiona Cook, TB Nurse Specialist, Lyndsey Winship, Paediatric ID Nurse Specialist, Tara Stothard & Catherine McLoughlin, Nurse Specialist, Adult HIV - Infectious Diseases session	Nic Manning, Deputy Director of Research Nursing, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust – Research Champion – Bridging the gap between clinical services and research – 60-minute workshop	Paula McClaren, Senior Nursing Advisor for Advanced Practice, NMC – Advanced Practice Framework; an Update (45min)	Facilitated by Dr Jenny Coles, Consultant Clinical Psychologist; story tellers – CNS, Clinical Educator & Research Delivery Nurse tbc Schwartz round; Does What I Do Matter?
15.30-16.00		Linda Hobson, Unison – Role Evaluation (45min)		
16.00-16.30		Charlotte Fox, Innovation & Intellectual Property Lead, Newcastle Hospitals – Innovation and the Nurse Specialist		Mel Hall, Nurse Specialist, Adult Haemoglobinopathy, Newcastle Hospitals – Work-life Balance and GRIT
16.35 Ian Joy poster prizes and close				
17.00 Networking in cafe/bar				