

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

08.15 – 08.55 Registration - Refreshments, poster viewing and networking before moving into the Main Theatre

Time	Speaker	Topic
09.00 – 09.15	Ian Joy , Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and AHPs	Introduction and welcome
09.15 – 10.00	Professor Alison Leary , South Bank University, London	The role of the Specialist Nurse in Modern Healthcare
10.00 – 10.45	Professor Barry Hill , Northumbria University	The importance of sharing practice and writing for publications
10.45 – 11.10	Coffee Break	
BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
	MAIN THEATRE	WORKSHOP ROOM
Times	Clinical – main theatre	Research
11.15 – 11.40	A practical approach to prehab Pam Dalrymple, Advanced Nurse Specialist in Lung Cancer, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	"Puppy Power" Beth Carr, Paediatric Nurse Specialist, RVI, Newcastle Patient Panel Sarah Hogg, Hepatology Research Nurse, Freeman Hospital
11.40 – 12.05	Nursing care in children with differences of sex development (DSD) Julia Russell, Nurse Specialist in Paediatric Endocrinology, GNCH, RVI, Newcastle	
		2nd LARGE THEATRE
		Leadership
		Grand Round Lucy Craig, Nurse Consultant Paediatric Rheumatology, Great North Children's Hospital (GNCH), RVI (11.15 – 12.15) Networking and poster views from 12.15
		MEZZANINE
		Education
		Difficult conversations in clinical practice Angela Bell and Meg Hurst, Nurse Specialists in Palliative Care, RVI, Newcastle Specialist nurses' rotation placement in Paediatrics Lianne Horscroft, Practice Placement Facilitator, Julie Pentland, Lead Paediatric Allergy Nurse Specialist, GNCH, RVI

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12.05 – 12.30	Biologics and Tuberculosis (TB) impact Fiona Cook, TB Nurse Specialist Lead, RVI		Networking and poster views from 12.15	Networking and poster views from 12.05
12.30 – 12.45	Moving time – Networking and lunch			
12.45 – 13.45	FAQs and Q&A for those not attending breakout session Wendy Fowler, Nurse Education Adviser, NMC & Linda Hobson, UNISON	Networking and lunch if not attending NMC Q&A	Networking and lunch if not attending NMC Q&A	Networking and lunch if not attending NMC Q&A
13.45 – 14:10	Shaping the Future: Community Nursing at the Heart of the NHS 10-Year Plan Chipo Mandeya, Nurse Specialist Integrated Discharge Team; Tracey Watts, Nurse Consultant Community; Naomi Knight, Matron, Hospital to Home	Lean into Green: Reducing Consumables use in Home Ventilation through Quality Improvement Kelly Marrs, Nurse Specialist in Adult Home Ventilation	The role of Nursing Associates in specialist nursing teams Jemma Marr, Practice Placement Facilitator	KidzScan - Changing hospital interaction one scan at a time Jade Ryles, Nurse Specialist, Paediatric Oncology, GNCH, RVI
14.10 - 14.35	Delivering and growing a highly specialised service: TPIAT - a nurse specialist perspective Sam Costello, Diabetes Educator, Chelsea Longhorn, TPIAT CNS & Vicki Applegarth, Diabetes Specialist Nurse	The 4Ps Research Education Programme Dr Kate Crook, NMAHP Research Clinical Educator & Dr James Faraday, Deputy NMAHP Research Lead, Newcastle Hospitals	Leadership and the Nurse Specialist Role Catherine Carr, Head of Nursing, Medicine & Emergency Care	Embedding Education to Optimise Outcomes within Newcastle's Insulin Pump Service Lisa Allen, Lead Diabetes Specialist Nurse
14.35 – 15.00	Steroid Education - Sick Day Rules Annette Lee and Kim Johnston, Nurse Specialists in Endocrinology	Measuring the impact of research fellowships at Newcastle Hospitals Rachel Orwin, Lung Cancer CNS & Research Fellow, Newcastle Hospitals	Talk Title TBC Susan Parker, Nurse Specialist for Adult Cystic Fibrosis	Multidisciplinary Team Learning Dr Issy Orwin, F2, North Tees Hospital

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break and networking				
Times	Clinical	Research	Leadership	Education - Mezzanine
15.30 - 16.00	Infectious Diseases (ID) session Fiona Cook, TB Nurse Specialist, Lyndsey Winship, Paediatric ID Nurse Specialist,	Research Champion – Bridging the gap between clinical services and research <i>60-minute workshop</i> Nic Manning, Deputy Director of Research Nursing, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	Advanced Practice Framework - an update Wendy Fowler, Nurse Education Adviser, NMC (45 mins)	Schwartz round: Does What I Do Matter? Facilitator: Dr Jenny Coles, Consultant Clinical Psychologist Story tellers:
16.00 – 16.30	Tara Stothard and Catherine McLoughlin, Nurse Specialists, Adult HIV		Role Evaluation Linda Hobson, UNISON (45 mins)	Susan Parker, CF Nurse Specialist Sharon Tims, Clinical Educator in Urology Sarah Hogg, Hepatology Research Delivery Nurse
16.30 – 17.00		Innovation and the Nurse Specialist Charlotte Fox, Innovation and Intellectual Property Lead, Newcastle Hospitals		Work-life Balance and GRIT Mel Hall, Nurse Specialist, Adult Haemoglobinopathy, Newcastle Hospitals
17.05 – 17.20 Ian Joy, Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and AHPs - Poster Prizes and Close in Main Theatre				
17.30 onwards Networking in cafe/bar				

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