

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 08.30 - 08.55 - online check in				
Ian Joy – Introduction and welcome 09.00 - main theatre				
Professor Alison Leary , South Bank University, London - The role of the Specialist Nurse in Modern Healthcare 09.15 – 10.00 - main theatre				
Professor Barry Hill , Northumbria University – The importance of sharing practice and writing for publication 10.00 – 10.45 - main theatre				
10.45 – 11.10 coffee break				
	MAIN THEATRE	WORKSHOP ROOM	2nd LARGE THEATRE	MEZZANINE
Times	Clinical – main theatre	Research	Leadership	Education
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	Grand Round Lucy Craig, Nurse Consultant Paediatric Rheumatology, Great North Children's Hospital (GNCH), RVI, Newcastle (11.15 – 12.15)	Difficult conversations in clinical practice Angela Bell and Meg Hurst, Nurse Specialists in Palliative Care, RVI, Newcastle
11.40 – 12.05	Nursing care in children with differences of sex development (DSD) Julia Russell, Nurse Specialist in Paediatric Endocrinology, GNCH, RVI	Talk Title TBC Patty De Zwart, Nurse Specialist in Paediatric Cystic Fibrosis, GNCH, RVI (11.10 - 11.35)	Talk Title TBC Jemma Marr, Practice Placement Facilitator	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 impact on Tuberculosis (TB) Fiona Cook, TB Nurse Specialist Lead, RVI	<i>Talk Title TBC</i> Kelly Marrs, Nurse Specialist in Adult Home Ventilation (11.35 - 12.00)	Networking and poster views from 12.15	Networking and poster views from 12.05
12.30 – 12.45 moving time +/- lunch				
12.45 – 13.45	FAQs and Q&A for those not attending breakout session Paula McLaren, Senior Nursing Advisor for Advanced Practice, 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	<i>Talk Title TBC</i> Naomi Knight, Nurse Consultant and Tracey Watts, Nurse Specialist in the Community	Lean into Green: Reducing Consumables use in Home Ventilation through Quality Improvement Kelly Marrs, Nurse Specialist in Adult Home Ventilation	Role of Nurse 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 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	<i>Talk Title TBC</i> Susan Parker, Nurse Specialist for Adult Cystic Fibrosis	Multidisciplinary Team Learning Dr Issy Orwin, F2, North Tees Hospital

15.00 – 15.30 coffee break				
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, Tara Stothard and Catherine McLoughlin, Nurse Specialists, Adult HIV	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 Paula McClaren, Senior Nursing Advisor for Advanced Practice, NMC (45 mins)	Schwartz round: Does What I Do Matter? Facilitated by Dr Jenny Coles, Consultant Clinical Psychologist Story tellers: Susan Parker, CF Nurse Specialist Sharon Tims, Clinical Educator in Urology
16.00 – 16.30		Innovation and the Nurse Specialist Charlotte Fox, Innovation and Intellectual Property Lead, Newcastle Hospitals	Role Evaluation Linda Hobson, UNISON (45 mins)	Sarah Hogg, Hepatology Research Delivery Nurse and Project Lead for NMAHP Research Team
16.30 – 17.00		Innovation and the Nurse Specialist Charlotte Fox, as above	<i>Talk and Presenter TBC</i>	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				
17.30 onwards - Networking in cafe/bar				

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