



British Association for Nursing in Cardiovascular Care Spring 2026 Newsletter

Dear BANCC Members,

As we move into spring, I'm delighted to share our excitement for the upcoming **BANCC Annual Conference on 27th April at Buckinghamshire New University**. This year's programme is one of our strongest yet shaped around the theme of **Sustainable Cardiovascular Care** and packed with inspiring speakers, practical learning, and opportunities for every level of cardiovascular nurse to connect, develop, and shine.

We are honoured to welcome **Dr Emma Blakely, Lead Nurse for Sustainability at NHS England**, who will be delivering our keynote session, "*Sustainability is Everyone's Business*", followed by her highly anticipated interactive workshop on *Writing a Sustainable Business Case*. These sessions are already generating a real buzz among members and reflect the growing importance of environmental responsibility across cardiovascular services.

Alongside our core programme, the day offers hands-on, skill-building workshops, including the ECG Arrhythmia Masterclass led by David Burnett and Fang Feng Ting, always a favourite for those looking to enhance their clinical confidence and practical expertise. With limited places and strong early interest, I encourage you to register quickly to secure your spot.

This year, we are also placing a huge emphasis on showcasing your work. Poster presentations are a vital platform for sharing innovation, improving practice, and celebrating achievements across our community. Whether your project is big or small, local, or national, we want to see it. Please consider submitting a poster and encourage your colleagues to do the same. Your ideas, insights, and curiosity are what drive BANCC forward.

Finally, I'm calling on all members to book your place, bring your teams, and help spread the word. Attendance not only strengthens your own practice but supports the growth of cardiovascular nursing nationally. Together, we can make this the most engaging and impactful BANCC conference to date.

Warm Regards

Mrs Nicola Bowers

President of BANCC

Education committee update from Charles Spencer:

BANCC Conference 2026: Sustainability in Cardiovascular Care

24 April 2026 • #BANCC2026 • South of England

Location: Buckinghamshire New University – High Wycombe campus

I just want to echo our President's excitement about this year's BANCC Conference! Our council and partners put a huge amount of hard work into making it our big annual event, and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible — both familiar faces and those new to BANCC. If you're attending or presenting a poster, why not spread the word? Tell your colleagues, pop it on social media, and use **#BANCC2026**. Don't forget to tag our accounts too so we can cheer you on.

Our abstract-writing webinar back in January went brilliantly, with several attendees successfully submitting abstracts for the conference. For many, this will be their *first-ever* poster presentation — such an exciting milestone. Please do come along, show your support, and help celebrate both our new presenters and our experienced investigators as their work is showcased and considered for awards and BJCN publication.

We've also got some great webinars coming up later in the year, including a Cardio-Oncology session with BACPR and a nurse echocardiography webinar with BSH. And keep an eye out for the next ECG Masterclass in early April, this time focusing on structural heart disease.

As always, we'd love to hear from you — whether you have ideas, suggestions, or would like to get involved in future webinars.

Email your suggestions to bancc@bcs.com.

At Buckinghamshire New University

Calling all cardiovascular nurses /
cardiovascular healthcare professionals

Sustainable Cardiovascular Care 2026



CONFERENCE

2026

Friday, April 24, 2026

Join BANCC today:
<https://www.bancc.org.uk/membership>

Join global leaders, innovators, and changemakers for a powerful day of insights, collaboration, and action toward a more sustainable future.

Register today as a BANCC member. Let's build a greener tomorrow together.

Sponsors, which include pharmaceutical companies, have contributed financial support towards this event but have had no editorial input into the agenda, speaker selection or presentations, with the exception of Recordati which has created, developed and funded a promotional symposium. The full list of sponsoring companies can be found: [British Association for Nursing in Cardiovascular Care](#).



*Registration fees apply: £20 for BANCC members and £70 for non-members.

Research committee update:

We are delighted to share that we have received an outstanding selection of abstracts for the upcoming BANCC Conference this April.

The quality and innovation showcased in these submissions have been truly impressive.

The winning abstract will be offered a unique opportunity to further develop their poster with dedicated support from the Research Forum, as well as the chance to publish their work in the *British Journal of Cardiac Nursing*.

We look forward to celebrating and sharing this excellent work with you all at the conference.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR GOOD NEWS STORIES SO WE CAN CELEBRATE YOU OR YOUR COLLEAGUES

Many congratulations from BANCC to:

Carys Barton who was the only nurse president at HFA summit in Lisbon. The HFA Summit in Lisbon (13–14 March) was a fantastic gathering of the HFA community and its constituent bodies.

Two inspiring days filled with excellent presentations, stimulating discussions, and a strong focus on HFA strategic initiatives.

Key themes included:

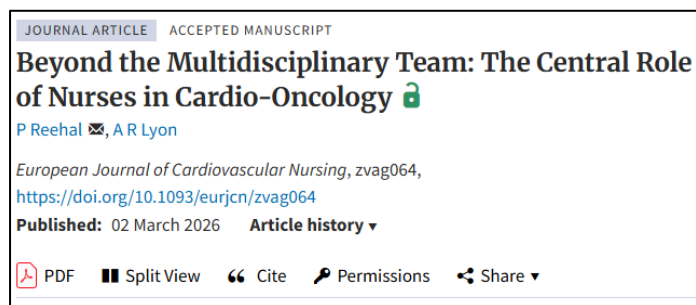
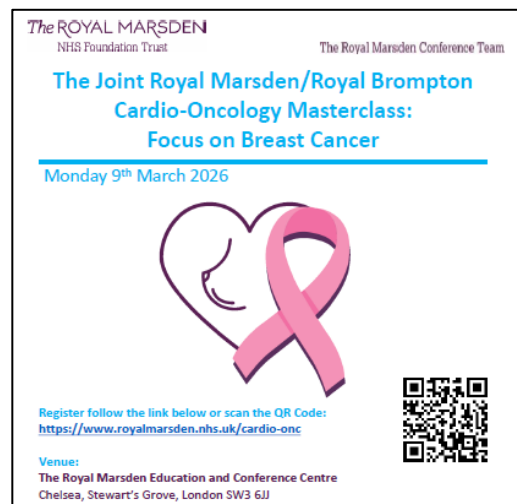
- ◆ The role of National and Affiliated Societies in driving heart failure awareness
- ◆ Building a stronger HFA community and new ways to get involved
- ◆ Implementing HF guidelines in real-life clinical practice
- ◆ Advancing education and collaboration across Europe and beyond

A truly energizing meeting highlighting our shared commitment to improving heart failure care and outcomes.

Our very own BANCC President **Nicola Bowers** who is supporting the 'Your Health Digital Hypertension Programme' in an advisory capacity. This project aims to improve cardiovascular care and strengthen the role of nurses in digital innovation.



Charles Spenser who is confirmed as NICE committee member for the Aortic Stenosis guidelines update.



Priya Reehal – For publishing in the FIRST editorial in the European Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing focusing on Cardio-Oncology nursing! Plus for presenting at the FIRST Joint Royal Marsden/Royal Brompton Cardio-Oncology Masterclass: Focus on Breast Cancer. Events like this are vital as they highlight how imperative the collaboration between both cardiology and oncology is, bringing together different expertise ultimately strengthening the way we care for patients and drives progress in breast oncology.

ESC ACNAP Opportunity:

National Cardiovascular Nursing and Allied Professions Societies Award

Introduction

Introduced in 2024, this award celebrates the commitment of the National Cardiovascular Nursing and Allied Professions Societies to transforming knowledge into concrete actions that improve cardiovascular health outcomes. The first edition recognised not only the implementation of the ESC Guidelines and ACNAP documents, but also the measurable and sustainable impact of these actions on daily clinical practice.

2026 Theme: Transforming Knowledge into action: the impact of multidisciplinary teamwork on clinical practice and ACNAP/ESC guidelines implementation.

We aim to recognise and celebrate outstanding collaboration between cardiovascular nurses and allied professionals who, together, have demonstrated excellence in delivering or advancing multidisciplinary care, educational strategies, and/or research that improves outcomes for people living with or at risk of cardiovascular disease.

We want to highlight initiatives that:

- Promote real changes in patient care
- Improve institutional protocols
- Promote evidence-based practices
- Strengthen the multidisciplinary role of nurses and allied professionals

Who can participate?

This award is open to all nurses and allied professionals who are active members of their National Cardiovascular Nursing Society in their own country.

<https://www.escardio.org/communities/associations/acnap/about/call-for-national-cardiovascular-nursing-societies-project-award/>

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/438b00eb6cfe4c9c9d1f7f1737b856a8>



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Share your hard work or refer a colleague by writing an article.

Approximately 1000 words for The British Journal of Cardiology Nursing.

BANCC Council can support you. If interested, please get in touch today.

BENEFITS OF BANCC

At BANCC we are proud to have joint agreement with British Journal of Cardiac Nursing and publish our BANCC article each month. Please follow the link for the British Journal of Cardiac Nursing to find previous BANCC contributions to the journal: [British Journal of Cardiac Nursing from MAG Online Library](#)

Call for Editorials and Articles – Share Your Voice in Cardiovascular Nursing!

Have you ever thought about writing an article but weren't sure where to start? Do you have a clinical case study, discussion piece, or service improvement project you'd like to share?

We're inviting nurses to contribute to the **British Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing** and have their work published.

You don't need to be an experienced writer, **guidance and support will be provided** throughout the process. This is a fantastic opportunity to **showcase your practice, share ideas, and help advance cardiovascular nursing**.

Interested? Get in touch with us at bancc@bcs.com to discuss your idea or find out how to get started.

There are joint membership opportunities between BANCC and affiliated cardiac organisations.

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Follow us on Instagram and be part of the

conversation: https://www.instagram.com/bancc.official?igsh=MXRubG10bHRvdHUwNg%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

We'll also be launching our new Facebook page shortly, giving members another way to engage with BANCC online. Please find our website and X account details on our linktree <https://linktr.ee/bancc.official>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 2025 DIARY AND LINKS TO EDUCATION

The British Institute of Radiology



As one of the BIR's flagship events dedicated to the future of AI in medical imaging and healthcare, our two-day congress delivers exceptional value through expert-led education, practical implementation insights, and high-level networking.

As in previous years, **Dr Amrita Kumar** and **Prof Gerald Lip** have curated the programme, which promises to be of exceptional quality. The agenda is now available can be seen [HERE](#). You can expect to hear from NHS England, MHRA, MDDUS and many more.



Get your tickets now for the BSH's MDT meeting taking place on 30-31 March 2026 at the ICC, Belfast <https://bshevents.eventsair.com/mdt-2026#25in25> #MDT2026

RCN ANP Forum Focus Week

Monday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd April

All of the ANP forum members will be providing blogs on our individual roles, the work of the forum and the value of advanced level nursing

[Advanced Nurse Practitioner Forum | Royal College of Nursing](#)

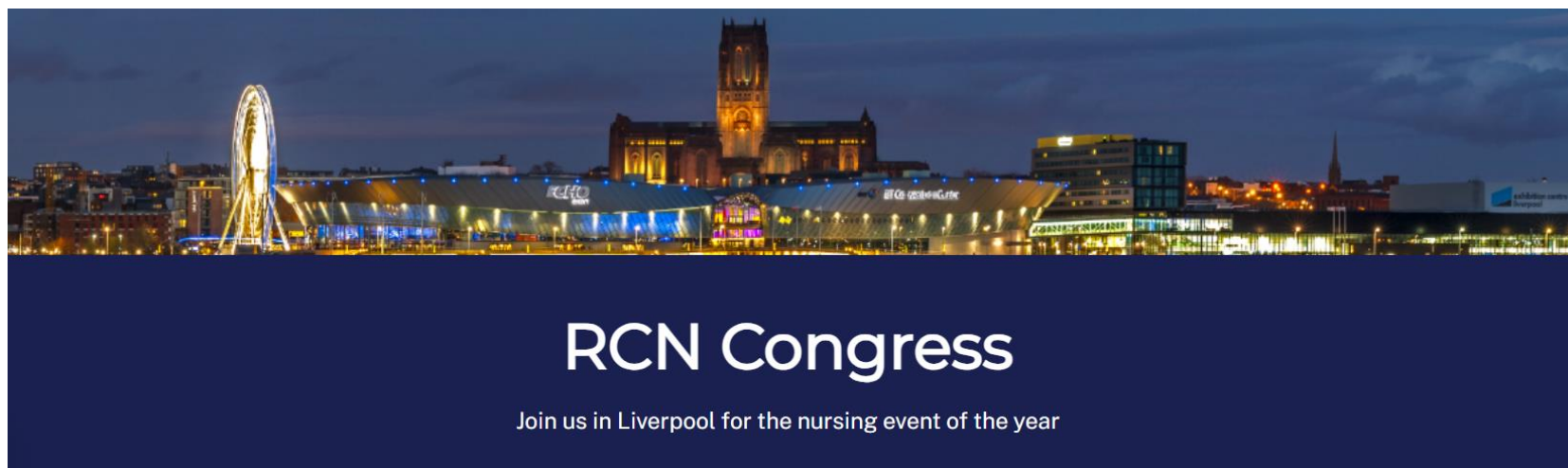


RCN Congress 2026

Monday 18th to Thursday 21st May 2026 in Liverpool

Please click on the link: [Congress | Royal College of Nursing](#)

The biggest event on the RCN calendar where there is enrichment of professional and personal development. The ANP Forum has voting seats and will be using this to help support debates and matters that affect our patients and nursing practitioners that sometimes are taken to parliament. As the chair of the forum I will be there supporting my team, presenting on important matters and networking with 1000s of inspirational nurses



British Cardiovascular Society Annual Conference 2026

The British Cardiovascular Society Annual Conference is the UK's leading and largest cardiovascular event. It attracts over 2,400 cardiovascular healthcare professionals, predominantly cardiologists, but also including basic and translational scientists, nurses, cardiac physiologists and scientists, and primary care staff. In 2026 our flagship event once again returns to Manchester Central for a face-to-face conference.



The **Early Bird booking window** is **open until 23.59pm on Tuesday 5 May 2026**, so take advantage of booking early and save!

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RCN Long-term Conditions Conference: Tackling health inequalities...

17 June 2026
Sheffield Hallam University
rcn.org.uk/LTC26

Compassion Inhaler **Cardiology** IBD
Gastrointestinal Support Pain
Decisions Stoma **Cancer** Future

Long-term Conditions
Respiratory Identity Heart failure
Chemotherapy **Mental Health**
Anxiety Living well

Multimorbidity conference

Thursday, 26th March 2026

The International Convention Centre, Birmingham

For the first time, the PCCS is thrilled to invite you to a brand-new, one-day conference dedicated to **managing multimorbidities through a cardiovascular lens**.

As the burden of multimorbidity continues to rise across diverse patient populations, healthcare professionals face growing complexity in managing interwoven chronic conditions. This conference brings together leading experts to explore cutting-edge evidence, innovative care models, and collaborative strategies that address the unique challenges at the intersection of cardiovascular disease and multimorbidity.

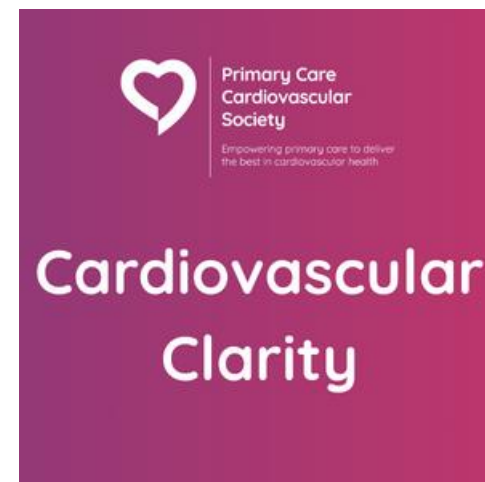
You can view the full agenda and register here: [PCCS Multimorbidity Conference | Primary Care Cardiovascular Society](#)

This conference was developed by the PCCS and is intended for UK practising healthcare professionals only. Sponsors, which include pharmaceutical companies, have contributed financial support towards this event but have had no input in the conference agenda, speaker selection or presentations, with the exception of the symposium sessions, for which the respective sponsoring companies are fully responsible. A full list of sponsors can be found at the bottom of the registration website page.

PCCS 6th Spring Conference

Our flagship **PCCS Spring Conference** is fast approaching, and interest has been incredible – **around two-thirds of places have already gone**.

Join us on **Thursday, 14th–Friday, 15th May 2026** at **The King's Fund, London** for two energising days of forward-thinking cardiovascular learning. This year's theme, ***Back to the Future – Reimagining cardiovascular care***, brings together leading voices and frontline clinicians to challenge assumptions, explore



what's next, and rethink how primary care can deliver smarter, more integrated cardiovascular care.

Expect high-impact sessions, bold ideas, and the kind of collaborative discussions that shape real change.

👉 **Secure your place while spaces remain.**

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Have you seen the PCCS' new LinkedIn newsletter, *Cardiovascular Clarity*, yet?

Launched in January, this is a short, insight-led read designed for primary care clinicians – offering expert perspective and real-world reflection on what's changing in cardiovascular care, and what it means in practice.

Rather than announcements or news, Cardiovascular Clarity focuses on:

- emerging issues in primary care cardiovascular care
- practical insight
- clarity you can act on in under five minutes.

The first edition explored upcoming changes to independent prescribing for pharmacists, and the second edition focused on patient information.

👉 You can join **over 700 clinicians** who've **already subscribed!** Read and **subscribe on LinkedIn [here](#).**

British Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation (BACPR)

BACPR Education coordinates both the BACPR Specialist Exercise Instructor qualification and a range of short courses for health and exercise professionals involved in cardiovascular prevention and rehabilitation: [Education & Training — BACPR](#)



www.bacpr-conference.org

35th Annual Conference of the British Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation

Save the date:
Thursday 8 – Friday 9 October 2026



RCN ANP Conference

Back by popular demand, the **RCN Advanced Nurse Practitioner Conference** returns on 2 October 2026.

Save the date and register your interest to receive an email alert as soon as booking opens and the programme is announced.

We look forward to welcoming delegates both in-person and online.
Find out more: www.rcn.org.uk/ANP26

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RCN Advanced Nurse
Practitioner Conference

2 October 2026
In person: RCN HQ, London
Online: Zoom Events
rcn.org.uk/ANP26

Save
The
Date!

UK Shock 2026

4–5 December 2026 at the Royal College of Physicians, London.

BANCC are delighted to be invited to partner with us for the upcoming UK Shock 2026 event, a national meeting focused on improving the care and outcomes of patients with cardiac arrest and cardiogenic shock in the United Kingdom.



Current BANCC Council:

President: Nicola Bowers - Term: October 2024 - October 2026

Current Role: Director of Research and Innovation Buckinghamshire, Healthcare NHS Trust

Areas of Special Interest: For research nurses, midwives and AHP's to be an integral member of every healthcare division. Introducing, supporting and completing clinical trials and individual researchers, to increase national research activity and promote evidence-based practice. Through collaborative working and dissemination of information, reduce cardiovascular disease locally, nationally and globally.

President Elect: Dr Clare Lawson - Term: October 2024 - October 2026

Current Role: Associate Professor and Cardiovascular Clinical Epidemiologist, University of Leicester

Areas of special interest: The collection, linkage and analysis of routine data to investigate heart failure and comorbidity epidemiology, patient-centred outcomes and health informatics and education. Provision of mentorship and support for nurse academic careers.

Education lead: Charles Spencer - Term: September 2023 - September 2026

Current Role: Associate Chief for Advanced Practice at South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust, visiting lecturer at Birmingham City and Warwickshire Universities

Areas of special interest: Echocardiology and point of care ultrasound, ECG interpretation, general cardiology, advanced life support, free open access medical education (FOAMed), [Facebook Cardiology Nurse Forum](#).

Research Forum Lead: Dr Robyn Lotto - Term: October 2024 - October 2026

Current Role: Associate Professor in the Faculty of Health at Liverpool John Moores University.

Areas of special interest: Research, Heart failure, Congenital Heart Disease in the paediatric and adult populations, Cardiac Surgery, CVD risk reduction.

Deputy Research Forum Officer: Dr Hannah Waterhouse - Term: October 2024 - October 2026

Current Role: Lecturer in Nursing, University of Leicester

Areas of interest: Heart failure, Frailty, Cardiac Rehabilitation, EBP, Research

Treasurer: Dr Karen Higginbotham - Term: October 2024 - October 2026

Current Role: Senior Lecturer Adult Nursing in the School of Nursing and Allied Health at Liverpool John Moore University.

Junior Treasurer: Priya Reehal - 1st Term: October 2024 - October 2026

Current Role Title: Lead Cardio-oncology/Heart Failure Clinical Nurse Specialist

Area of expertise: Cardio-Oncology and Heart Failure

Secretary: Position Vacant

Junior secretary: Esther Arnold - Term: October 2024 - October 2026

Current Role: Cardiac Nurse Specialist at Medway NHS Foundation Trust and Senior Lecturer for the Advanced Clinical Practice Programme at Canterbury Christ Church University.

Areas of special interest: Acute Coronary Syndromes and stable angina, ECG interpretation and advanced clinical practice. I am particularly interested in career progression and development of nurses in cardiology.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer: Fang Feng Ting - Term: October 2024 - October 2026

Current Role: Arrhythmia Specialist Nurse at Watford General Hospital-West Hertfordshire NHS Trust.

Areas of special interest: Arrhythmia related topic: palpitations; Atrial Fibrillation, supraventricular tachycardia, syncope, pacemaker, defibrillator, Cardiac-synchronised therapy; digital health; self-management; life-style modification; cardiac research; gender inequality in health, menopause and cardiovascular disease. I am particularly interested in promoting professional nurse's advocator and support the cardiac nurses in their carer progression.

Ordinary Council Members:

David Burnett

1st Term: October 2024 - October 2026

Current Role: Nurse Consultant in Cardiology

Area of expertise: Chest Pain and Acute Coronary Syndromes, Secondary Prevention and Lipid Management.

Janine O'Rourke

Ordinary Officer and BACPR Representative,

1st Term: October 2024 - October 2026

Current Role: Cardiac Rehabilitation Specialist Nurse Lead

Area of expertise: Cardiac Rehabilitation, Heart Failure, Secondary Prevention Management and Angina

Lyndsey McCunnell

1st Term: September 2025 – September 2027

Current Role: Senior Lecturer in Post Graduate Nursing.

Areas of special interest: Cardiovascular Health, Adult Congenital Heart Disease/Inherited Cardiac Conditions, Advance Practice and Resuscitation.

Khelvin Jocson

1st Term: September 2025 – September 2027.

Current Role: Cardiology Advanced Nurse Practitioner.

Areas of expertise: Acute and chronic coronary syndromes, Secondary Prevention and Lipid Management, Cardiac Arrhythmias and Heart Failure, Nurse-led and autonomous practice, including DCCV and ILR implantation/explanation, Enhancing and expanding nurse-led cardiology services, Safe and effective independent prescribing, Driving quality improvement and service transformation in cardiology, Leadership development and strengthening clinical governance, Promoting patient education, engagement, and self-management, Promoting education, research, audit, and innovation in cardiac services.

Co-opted/Non-voting Members:

Chloe Macarthur, British Heart Foundation Health and Care Lead.

Sharlene Hogan, Royal College of Nursing, Contracted Research Organization (CRO), supporting global commercial drug and device clinical studies.

Beverley Bostock, Primary Care Cardiovascular Society (PCCS), Advanced Nurse Practitioner in long-term conditions in general practice in Gloucestershire.

Carys Barton – British Society for Heart Failure Representative.

Thank you for reading!

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