



How you can contribute to the QNI

We look to our Queen's Nurses to support us in our campaigning work and to raise the profile of community and primary care nursing.

We hope you will be vocal about issues affecting nursing in the community, your patients and your colleagues. We also hope that you will be champions of the campaigns we run to ensure best care for patients, carers and families, and that you promote QNI opportunities to your colleagues.

Media and Public Relations

We are often approached by organisations and health journalists asking for a nursing perspective. Queen's Nurses are our first point of contact for these requests. This is an opportunity for you to contribute your nursing expertise and to enhance your professional development.

Regional QN groups

As the Queen's Nurse network has grown, regional QN groups have been created. We will link you to your nearest group and meeting dates will be advised by email. The meetings are an opportunity for you to share and discuss professional issues and concerns with like-minded professional colleagues.

QN Annual Meeting

There is an annual meeting offered to all Queen's Nurses. This may be held online or in a conference venue.

Annual QN update

At the beginning of each year we ask you to complete a re-validation/annual update so that we know how you have continued to uphold the values of a Queen's Nurse and promote the QN title.

The National Garden Scheme

The National Garden Scheme is the QNI's largest funder and it enables us to support and develop the Queen's Nurse network. Nearly 4000 private gardens open every year, raising around £3.5m, which is shared between a number of nursing and caring charities.

We encourage all Queen's Nurses to attend open gardens in their area – garden owners are very glad to receive our support, so do let them know you are a Queen's Nurse if you visit a garden and wear your QN badge. The best way to find gardens near to you or on particular dates is to use the National Garden Scheme website: www.ngs.org.uk

You can follow the National Garden Scheme on Twitter @NGSOpenGardens and on Facebook and Instagram. Many of the National Garden Scheme counties have their own Twitter and Facebook pages, so we suggest you follow those that are local to you.

If you do visit a garden, please share a picture with us on social media and use the hashtag #qni_ngs. If you are opening your garden, volunteering at an open garden, or speaking at an NGS event, please let us know.

Support We Offer

Talk to Us

The QNI's listening service, TalkToUs, offers support by phone to nurses in the community. The service is staffed by Queen's Nurses, trained listeners who are available to speak to any nurse in community, residential, social care, primary care and other settings. TalkToUs is intended as a friendly ear for those who would like to talk to someone in complete confidence about challenges in life or work. We cannot provide counselling, but we can signpost you to other sources of support. If you are worried about any aspect of work or home life and would like to talk to us, please get in touch.

For further details, see: <https://www.qni.org.uk/help-for-nurses/talktous/>

Financial Assistance

We can offer financial assistance to registered nurses that have worked in the community for at least 3 years. These are single grants up to £1000 which can usually help during times of crisis. For more information about our financial assistance and eligibility criteria please see our website - <https://qni.org.uk/support-for-nurses/financial-help/apply-for-financial-help/>

We also have additional funds to help any registered nurse that has been affected financially by Covid whether through being off work or having to reduce working hours to cope with being affected by long covid <https://qni.org.uk/support-for-nurses/financial-help/covid19-grant/>.

Educational grants

The QNI offers educational grants to those who wish to develop their roles within community nursing but may be held back due to a lack of available finance. We support nurses up to and including band 6 (or equivalent) who are in need of financial assistance to further their education. Courses must demonstrate a clear clinical benefit to patients and be fully accredited. Grants are available for course fees and books, but travel costs are not funded. The maximum award is £1000.

Please see our website for more details about all the support that we offer to community nurses.
<https://www.qni.org.uk/help-for-nurses/>

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