


# THE REGIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

## PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

Health Education England South East (HEE SE) commissioned the Florence Nightingale Foundation (FNF) to establish six multi-professional (student nurses, midwives, allied health professionals, and trainee nursing associates) councils for the region.


On a quarterly basis we bring the six councils together to provide updates on activities, network in person with stakeholders, identify themes regarding the student experience across the south east, and most importantly plan next steps.

In-between these quarterly regional meetings each ICS Student Council meets virtually to discuss local issues and good practice as well as attend stakeholder meetings that align with their objectives.



**Regional Mission**

Valuing, nurturing, and amplifying the voice of the future workforce by bridging the gap between healthcare students, universities, and practice providers.



**Regional Vision**

To improve the student experience by providing a consistent strategic voice within SE region England and the six Integrated Care Systems (ICS) within it. We aim to change workplace culture at all levels regarding student contribution, value and support within health and social care. Promoting safe, diverse, authentic, and respectful ways of working for all to enable true advocacy for our professions.

## THE EVENT



An up-to-date exploration into the Student Shared Professional Decision-Making Council (SPDMC) Programme took place at the latest Regional Meeting held at 10 Union Street, London.

The SPDMC Regional Meeting was attended by over 60 members and supporters making it the largest yet. Jessica Sainsbury, programme lead of the SPDMC was part of a select group of presenters including students and stakeholders from across the region. She explained: 'The student councils programme is unique due to support that is offered to council members, the safety that is enabled, the sponsorship from senior leaders, and the facilitation of a culture of sharing and shining a light.'

The programme plays a valuable role in positively impacting the student experience. Opportunities are provided for students to engage in the development of education and learning from a student perspective within their locality, empowering them to have a voice within relevant projects and developments.

Each ICS Council gave 15-minute update sessions via presentation and a question-and-answer session. RePAIR Fellows Katie Webb and Mary Jenkins then delivered a thought-provoking demonstration on Appreciative Enquiry. Exploring the student experience further, two topics were tabled for discussion at regional: student wellbeing and the cost-of-living crisis. The floor was then open for the room to shine a light on good practice and suggest next steps in these areas.



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## YOU SAID, WE DID

We ought to stay connected.

We want to share the events of this meeting and more information on the programme.

We need clarity on policies around students raising concerns.

We must explore clinical supervision practice hours and collaboration for students.

We should be more conscious of sustainability e.g., costly uniforms being re-used.

We need to know how to continue to make a change once qualified.

FNF will continue to connect students and stakeholders via email and social media.

Student Council Members have shared via their media platforms and networks. FNF have created a range of resources shining a light on the meeting.

FNF to collaborate with academic partners on signposting these avenues.

FNF to continue collaboration with the NMC and partners for clarification on clinical supervision.

FNF will make this a topic of discussion at the upcoming series of ICS Meetings.

FNF are launching a early career subject expert group soon!

## LOOKING FORWARD



We thank members and supporters for their time and contributions.

Continue to positively influence the student experience by expressing interest to [Jessica@florence-nightingale-foundation.org.uk](mailto:Jessica@florence-nightingale-foundation.org.uk) re: attending future meetings.

“Dream! This is the forum to amplify your voice.” - Mary Jenkins, RePAIR Fellow

### Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday 18 April 10:00-11:30 BOB ICS Student Council Meeting (MS Teams)
- Tuesday 18 April 12:00-13:30 Frimley ICS Student Council Meeting (MS Teams)
- Tuesday 18 April 14:00-15:30 HIOW ICS Student Council Meeting (MS Teams)
- Thursday 20 April 10:00-11:30 Surrey ICS Student Council Meeting (MS Teams)
- Thursday 20 April 12:00- 13:30 Sussex ICS Student Council Meeting (MS Teams)
- Thursday 20 April 14:00-15:30 Kent & Medway ICS Student Council Meeting (MS Teams)
- TBC Thursday 8 June 11:00-15:30 Regional Student Council Meeting (London)
- Tuesday 25 July 10:00-11:30 BOB ICS Student Council Meeting (MS Teams)
- Tuesday 25 July 12:00-13:30 Frimley ICS Student Council Meeting (MS Teams)
- Tuesday 25 July 14:00-15:30 HIOW ICS Student Council Meeting (MS Teams)
- Thursday 27 July 10:00-11:30 Surrey ICS Student Council Meeting (MS Teams)
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