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Purpose

The Professorial Advisory Group (PAG) was established in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of the PAG was to support the work of the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) and our members during the pandemic by developing robust rapid reviews of the evidence in relation to provision of care¹. The members of the PAG were self-selected volunteers – Professors Mary Renfrew, Soo Downe, Helen Cheyne, Helen Spiby, Tina Lavender, Fiona Dykes, Lesley Page, Billie Hunter and Jane Sandall.

The PAG made a significant contribution to the RCM's professional response to the pandemic. PAG members and the RCM team wish to continue the collaborative working beyond the pandemic to support the RCM's professional offer as an RCM network.

The PAG will be renamed the RCM Professorial Network (PN) and will provide a forum for leading UK experts in research, policy development and implementation, education and leadership of the profession to engage with the RCM as the profession's association in the UK.

The purpose of the PN is to provide an open channel of communication between its members and the RCM. This will enable the RCM and the PN to work together on the development of RCM resources, publications and events.

The PN provides a forum for collaboration and networking with each other and with the RCM and will be jointly chaired by Prof Helen Cheyne and Dr Mary Ross-Davie, Director of Professional Midwifery, RCM.

Objectives

Supporting the RCM's professional offer as a network that enables engagement, discussion and, where appropriate, consultation and coproduction.

Membership

Membership will include members of the original PAG network and will now also be open to anyone who is currently living and working in the UK as a professor in midwifery, maternal health or a related subject, and is a member of the RCM. Note that it is possible to be an affiliate member of the RCM if you are not, and have never been, a midwife².

THE NETWORK IS NOT OPEN TO HONORARY PROFESSORS.

1 RCM Professional clinical guidance briefings <https://www.rcm.org.uk/rcm-professional-clinical-guidance-briefings>

2 RCM Membership <https://www.rcm.org.uk/join-rcm>

Frequency of Meetings

Meetings will be held virtually on a quarterly basis and when possible face to face once a year

If you would like to apply to join the Professorial Network please complete the form below and email to mandie.lockwood@rcm.org.uk by **Monday 14 June 2021**.

Name	
Job title	
Employer	
RCM membership number	
Area of professional interest /expertise eg research or teaching etc	
Contact email	
Are you happy for your name and contact details to be added to the RCM's Professorial Network contact list?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Signature	

Meeting dates for 2021 into 2022

Virtual meetings will generally run for 90 minutes and the agenda will be set by all members of the network.

29 June 2021 (virtual)

22 September 2021 (virtual)

16 December 2021 (virtual)

23 March 2022 (in person at RCM HQ, London)

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