Dear Colleague,

**RCN Credentialing for Advanced Level Nursing Practice**

Further to recent communications re the above, the RCN is now in a position to begin recruiting nurses working at an advanced level for the “test” phase of its credentialing for advanced level nursing practice project. The RCN will be testing the proposed credentialing models, assessor documentation, clinical referee information templates and job plans.

We are therefore seeking expressions of interest from those nurses practising at advanced level who would like to be considered for inclusion in the test cohort. In order to make the process transparent and inclusive we would like volunteers from across the 4 UK countries, diverse settings and from as wide a range of fields of practice as possible. These nurses need not be RCN members. There will be no promise of the applicant receiving the credential at the end of the process, but feedback and support will be provided to those applicants deemed not to have met the criteria.

We have developed a rigorous selection and assessment process and in the first instance will select 20-24 applicants for the test phase. Those individuals not selected will be offered the opportunity to go forward for the next phase of “early adopters” and go through the same assessment process.

The timescale for the process is as follows:
- 10-28 October 2016 expressions of interest received
- 31 October 2016 the test cohort of 20-24 applicants will be selected to reflect the 4 UK countries and as many fields of practice as possible and be assessed by an expert panel followed by moderation by a different team.
- November 2016 the early adopter cohort will be assessed.
- December 2016 all applicants will have been notified of the decision of the expert group on whether or not they will receive the credential. In all cases they will have received feedback on their application.

Your support in promoting this process and gathering expressions of interest is greatly appreciated. Further information can be obtained from the credentialing team at credentialing@rcn.org.uk.

Kind regards,

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