recommendations for the role of the RNS which were recently updated (Beech et al., 2019). This framework maps all of these requirements.

Objectives: This work supports the development of roles, improve access for patients and reduce. This document will act as a foundation for building sustain- ability and a more robust education and role development strategy. This work will strengthen rheumatology nursing and support all U.K. Nation's issues regarding recruitment, retention, sustainability, succession planning and benchmarking. Dissemination is key and we will work hard with stakeholders to ensure centraliza- tion of a nationally adopted framework. This abstract submission will increase dissemination opportunities.

Methods: Online data sources were searched for the most relevant and cur- rent evidence. Where research evidence wasn’t available, existing and new knowledge was utilised from a consensus of clinical expert and patient opin- ions, several rounds of discussions took place virtually and face to face. RCN Rheumatology Nurse Forum Workshop attendees in June 2019 also answered a questionnaire to elicit views and demographic information regarding roles.

Results: The questionnaire results demonstrated 100% (n37) agreement with the development of the framework and that only 2 respondents had completed a competency process. 60% were RNS. Of these 52% (n13) were band 6, 47% (n9) were band 7, and 1% were band 8 consultant nurses. The questionnaire highlighted the need to develop the framework. Results were fed back to the working party to inform the domains to be included.

Conclusion: Document will be at EULAR 2020 having successfully submitted a session proposal and abstract. Evaluation will begin later in the year 6 to 12 months from launch. We will measure impact using a variety of methods includ- ing membership Facebook pages and the questionnaire at point of download request. We will measure where and how the competency is being used and adoption of the framework throughout the UK.

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