

# Hello to all our members new and old. We have a few exciting updates we wanted to make you aware of!

### We have a new member of the board!

We have had a change in our board recently due to unforeseen circumstances. Unfortunately Nadia, our president, and Rebecca, our treasurer, have both had to stand down due to family commitments and personal reasons. Georgina Parsons, our former Vice President, is now our President and Sam Mumford who was our General Secretary is now our Vice President! We have managed to appoint a treasurer and will be introducing her in due course. Day to day this won't mean anything changes for our members. We are currently working on getting our website updated to reflect the changes.

## We are now taking applications for Workplace Representatives!

Due to our growth we have decided to open applications for workplace representatives. At the moment, being a workplace representative won't take up too much time and we don't need our reps to do any case work currently unless they want to. Currently it would be an advisory role to feed the issues local to you or within your practice or corporate to the board. We would also like to brainstorm with our representatives on how we can grow the union and move forward. If you would like to apply or find out more, please email us at contact@thenurvn.com.

# Members only Facebook group

We now have a members only Facebook group. The idea of this is to try and get our members to engage with us and get to know you all a little better. We encourage discussion on the group, we will be sharing news on there and we encourage our members to ask any questions or advice as well.

If you would like to join please click the following link, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/547147474485165/?ref=share\_group\_link">https://www.facebook.com/groups/547147474485165/?ref=share\_group\_link</a> Feel free to introduce yourself when joined and say hi to your fellow comrades!

#### **Discount codes**

We have made a couple of discounts for our members. Our first code is for members to give to anyone who is looking to join us, the code will entitle the new member to 10% off annual or monthly memberships. The code for a refer a friend is FRIEND13. We have also made a code for people who are coming up for renewal on their membership, we will be sending these codes out via email so please check your inboxes!

## **Vetlife donation**

We have made our first donations to Vetlife. We pledged that we would donate £1 every membership we received and have donated £19 by the end of August. We hope to continue partner with Vetlife and the more memberships we get the more we will donate!

# **Member update**

We have now got an amazing 57 members, this is a massive achievement considering we have only been taking paid memberships for just under a year. In this time we have dealt with 17 cases, this means we have helped and support 17 nurses in cases against their employers. In all of these cases we have either got the outcome that the nurse wanted or been able to drastically reduce the severity of the grievance.

#### What's next?

Over the next few months we plan to continue to get our name and cause out to as many nurses as possible, this can be greatly helped by our members telling everyone about us and what we can do.

Going forward we plan to send out an update every quarter to keep our members updated with what is going on behind the scenes. We will continue to share news and information on our socials and on our members only group!

As always, we continue to be so grateful of your support. Being able to help so many nurses and the connections we have made in the industry has been incredible. We couldn't be on this journey without you and we continue to work incredibly hard to support individuals and the industry. We are so excited for what the future will hold.

In solidarity,

The National Union of Registered Veterinary Nurses