Reflections – Working in Partnership with the International Council for Nurses (ICN) Advanced Practice Nursing Network to Host a Successful Global Conference

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The purpose of the poster is to share our reflections on the journey and experience of working with international partner organisations and the complex navigation required, to develop a scientific programme with global credibility and create a focus on UK related, key issues as part of the conference content.

Background

The ICN NP/APNN biennial conference, is the largest global forum for advanced practice (AP) nurses to network and collaborate on contemporary topics and future trends. The motivation for developing a business case to host the conference in Scotland, was to amplify awareness of the work being undertaken in Scotland (and the UK) to develop multi-professional AP with a global audience; to influence international thinking on AP and foster opportunities for collaboration. The North of Scotland Advanced Practice Academy (NoSAPA) remitted the conference development to a Local Organising Committee (LoC). NoSAPA worked closely with the ICN/APN Network to develop the conference themes, select the scientific content, devise plenary sessions, policy cafes and pre-conference workshops. Timeline from concept to conference was January 2022 to September 2024.

