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## INTRODUCING NEW STAFF MEMBERS: Professor Rebecca Jester

Name /RCSI appointment	We are pleased to welcome Professor Rebecca Jester to RCSI as Head of School of Nursing & Midwifery.
Educational background	Rebecca qualified as a registered nurse with a specialist qualification in orthopaedic nursing in the UK in 1985. She worked clinically in trauma and orthopaedic settings in the UK and Sweden and studied part-time for her Diploma in Professional Studies in Nursing (DPSN) awarded in 1993. She then completed a BSc (Hons) Education Studies in Nursing in 1995. She was awarded a PhD in Health Sciences from the University of Birmingham in 2001, supported by a National Smith and Nephew Fellowship.
Summary of Career to date. (Max 100 words)	From 1997 Rebecca embarked upon a clinical academic career working across the interface of education, research and clinical practice. She has held several senior academic positions including: Head of School of Nursing & Midwifery, Keele University, Head of the Nursing School Abu Dhabi for Griffith University, Head of Department of Adult Nursing and Midwifery, London South Bank University and Professor of Nursing, University of Wolverhampton. Rebecca has been committed to maintaining her clinical role and has worked part-time as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner in Orthopaedics whilst holding most of her academic positions.
Research interests and specialty (List up to 8)	Orthopaedic and Trauma Care Nurse Education Nursing roles Care modalities (Hospital at Home, Fast track and enhanced recovery pathways) The relationship between lower limb arthroplasty and obesity Chronic wound management



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Major accomplishments  
(100 words max)

Rebecca was awarded a personal chair (Professorship) in Orthopaedic Nursing in 2008 by Keele University. She is an Adjunct Professor of Orthopaedic Nursing Research at the University of Southern Denmark. She is an Honorary Advisor to The Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Nursing and Associate Editor of the International Journal of Trauma and Orthopaedic Nursing. Rebecca has authored a number of leading text books in orthopaedic and rehabilitation nursing and has over 40 publications in academic and professional journals. She has been instrumental in developing Advanced Nurse Practitioner education and building nursing research capacity and capability in the UK and internationally.