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The Australian College of Nursing sends condolences to UK victims of concert attack

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is deeply saddened to hear about the tragic events that have occurred at Manchester Arena in the UK following US pop singer Ariana Grande's concert.

ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, who is currently in the UK, said "It is heartbreaking that innocent lives have been lost at what should have been an enjoyable night out seeing a world-famous pop star. Unfortunately, these individuals will not be returning home to loved ones."

ACN sends sincere condolences to the families of the deceased and injured and encourages people to seek support, especially over the days, weeks and months ahead.

Adjunct Professor Ward said "ACN is mindful that nurses and our professional colleagues are providing care to so many affected by this tragedy. We are proud of their leadership at such a difficult time and encourage them to seek any support that they may need now or in the days ahead."

ACN encourages anyone that needs help to contact any of the following helplines:

In Australia:

- Lifeline on 13 11 14
- MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978
- Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467
- Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36
- Headspace on 1800 650 890

In the UK:

- SupportLine Telephone Helpline: 01708 765200
- HopeLine UK – 0800 068 4141
- Samaritans Helpline: 116 123
- NHS mental health support webpage:
<http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/mentalhealth/Pages/Mentalhealthhome.aspx>

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ACN, an organisation not afraid to intelligently challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's health care, is a well-connected and educated national body that drives change with people of influence to enhance the delivery of health services to the Australian community. ACN advances the skills and expertise of nurses to provide leadership in their contribution to the policy, practice and delivery of health care.

A membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties, ACN's membership includes many nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics and researchers.

What is the role of ACN to media?

- ACN provides trusted, well supported information about Australia's health care system, the delivery of health care, nursing leadership and the nursing profession.
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- ACN offers media with an alternative voice to that of an industrial relations perspective.
- ACN is in-the-know and can comment on health care matters of interest.
- ACN can respond to media requests in a timely manner and with subject/clinical expert's available on-hand for further discussion.
- ACN regularly responds to government updates pertaining to Australia's health care system.

What role does ACN play?

ACN is here to act and deliver results as agents of change. They are working towards a brighter future through advancing nurse leadership to enhance the delivery of health care to all. The organisation provides nurse leaders with access to relevant information, support and education that will enhance Australia's reputation on the world stage.

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