



## **Annual Report 2021**

This report reflects on activity over the 2021 year and is written in 2022

## **Welcome and introductions**

President B Carter welcomed members to the AGM, noting that global communities are beginning to get back to the pre-pandemic norm and starting to meet up again, but the global situations are very different and there is still some insecurity in relation to travelling and meeting in person. When looking at how the pandemic has affected nurses as professionals there has been a big impact leading to a re-evaluation of work-lives and nurses are looking at work expectations and the impact on their work situations. Managers, researchers, educationalists and clinical staff have responded in amazing ways and a big shout out to the future nurses who have done extremely well in difficult times.

Those working during the pandemic have seen how it has affected children and young people, we see how the youngest members of society have been denied opportunities for engagement with others, how they are two years behind with social connections and how some have had to adapt to new ways of engaging with clinicians, as well as the stress and impact on parents.

Those working in children's nurse education have remain active and engaged as have other staff.

We now have the unfolding situation of tragedy in the Ukraine and colleagues at Birmingham Children's Hospital recently set out the importance of remembering those that we serve may also have Russian ancestry and family members. There are other areas of conflict across the globe and other refugee crises too.

The ABPN has been more active this year in developing position statement and it is important to go influence the political situations while remaining politically neutral.

## **Officer's reports**

### **Chair**

The Chair echoed the President's welcome to the 83rd AGM of the ABPN, noting that the meeting is again being held virtually although Covid-19 restrictions here in the UK have recently been lifted.

2021 was another year where nursing care and support to those in need have highlighted the essential role nursing has in health care. The Covid-19 pandemic certainly had more of a presence in children's care as children's nurses across the globe were aware of the related Paediatric Multisystem Syndrome and in supporting the work as vaccinations started to be offered to children and young people in UK.

This year's "look back over the past year" has provided more activity to report on. Attendance at NHS England meetings on children's palliative care continued until the middle of the year, with RCN now representing nursing issues around the table. The Chair has also continued to work with the UK Children's Palliative Care Education and Training group who are now focusing on how the

Framework can be used to address public health approaches in children's palliative care and has become more aligned with the work of the International Children's Palliative Care Network. Other activity is likely to be reported back at next year's AGM as the work with Sanofi-Pasteur and with Kyowa Kirin comes to fruition.

She, along with other members of the Governance and Development Group has spent considerable time trying to contact Rory Farrelly the Association's past Chair/President, sadly without success as he appears to have moved to the Middle East.

The Chair expressed her thanks to the President, Officers and Members of the Association especially those on Governance and Development (G&D) Group, Norman Long kept a close eye on the finances of the Association, ensuring ABPN meet governance requirements; James Robinson played a key role in keeping in touch with our members and following up enquiries; Danielle Edge established our new look newsletter which is our key link with members; Ann Bisbrown Lee continued to support our G&D and provided a useful knowledge of the history of the Association and Bernie Carter the Association's President and website manager has been very generous with her time supporting the work of the Association and supporting the Chair's role. Finally the Chair closed her report with the positive news that the Association has a new Chair designate.

The President thanked the Chair for her generous and insightful report and for helping drive the Association forward with her creativity and determination.

### **Secretary (including scholarships)**

The post of Secretary is currently vacant, the Chair reported that no scholarships have been offered this year to report on. G&D meetings have continued to be held regularly throughout the year.

### **Membership Services Co-ordinator**

Membership at 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

Membership at 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Total membership:	227*	Total membership:	228
Annual membership:	57*	Annual membership:	53
Life membership (Active)	34	Life membership (Active)	35
Life membership (Inactive)	136	Life membership (Inactive)	140

(\*includes paying members with whom we have lost contact, these had been omitted in 2021 report)

Actual membership over the year has declined more than this year's figures suggest as the 2021 figures had erroneously omitted 11 annual members with whom we had lost contact.

Annual membership has seen 9 departures during the year. We have had 2 new members joining during the same time period There were several other enquiries about joining ABPN during the year but none of these followed up with applications. Fake enquiries via our website had been a problem during the year, genuine enquiries and other communications may have been lost among the dross. Since the beginning of 2022 these fake enquiries have ceased.

A decline in life membership continues to be due to members retiring from nursing and deaths among our older members together with life members with whom we have lost contact. A small number of long retired life members have asked to be removed from the membership database.

We still have 11 annual members with no updated contact details. These have been included in this year's figures above having been erroneously omitted last year. These individuals have not received newsletters or journals although their Direct Debits remain in place.

J Robinson

### **Finance Officer**

The activities of the Association continued to be seriously impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic as we had no new members joining.

The Association finances for the year 2021 ended with a smaller excess of income over expenditure, despite no fundraising, a fall in income from membership fees and the on-going low interest rates.

The Journal continues to attract worldwide interest and in 2021 we received £8,966.91p in Royalties

The Governance and Development Group continued to operate via tele conference meetings.

Accounts for 2021 have been externally verified, final figures for the year are as follows:

<b>Current Account</b>	
<b>Income</b> for the year 2021	£ 11,222.91
<b>Expenditure</b> for the year 2021	£ 10,610.70
<b><u>Excess of income over income for 2021</u></b>	<b><u>£ 612.21</u></b>
Bank Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2021	£ 21,290.12
<b>Business Reserve Account</b>	
Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	£ 4,982.56
Interest Earned	£ 0.48
Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	£ 4,983.04

*Members are again, urged to notify any change of their personal data - name, address, Bank Branch, Bank account name / number or sort code as soon as possible to maintain accurate records.*

N Long

### **Journal Editor**

The Journal of Child Health Care is now in its 26th year of publication, the current (2020) Impact Factor is 1.979. The number of submissions has continued to rise. The page budget has increased to attempt to reduce the backlog of online-first articles. There has been changes to the Editorial Board membership and a focus on social media. There is potential to look at linking Journal podcasts to the Association's website and to link to the Journal's social media.

S McKeever

### **Newsletter editor**

The newsletter has now run for its first year in the new format, this has been adapted and we are continuously reviewing the content and how to engage members and non-members.

The current format has changed a few times but trying to maintain a standardised format for readers. Sent out 3 times a year currently, this has varied due to capacity of newsletter editor. Using mailchimp to formulate newsletter campaigns and distribute via social media, email and website.

Over the last year we have had some positive feedback on the new format and content but this hasn't been captured fully, a new survey will help to understand members views.

D Edge

### **Officer Elections**

<b>Post</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>
<b>Chair</b>	Caron Eyre	2024
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Norman Long	2024
<b>Secretary</b>	K McNamara-Goodger	2024

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of British Paediatric Nurses agreed to the discontinuation of the Life Membership category for new applicants from 1.4.22.

