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Press Release

Association of British Paediatric Nurses Celebrates Volunteers During National Volunteers' Week

During National Volunteers' Week, the Association of British Paediatric Nurses (ABPN) is proud to recognise and thank the volunteers whose time, commitment, and generosity make a meaningful difference to children, young people, families, and the wider children's nursing community across the United Kingdom.

Volunteers play a vital role in strengthening healthcare and professional communities and provide important role models for future generations; across children's health services and within professional organisations, their contribution supports connection, advocacy, learning, and compassion in action. Whether offering support to families, helping to improve patient experiences, contributing to events and education, or giving their time to advance the work of professional associations, volunteers help create stronger systems of care and support for children and young people.

The ABPN is especially grateful to the volunteers who support the Association's mission to champion children's nursing, share best practice, strengthen professional networks, and advocate for the highest standards of care for babies, children, young people, and their families.

Professor Bernie Carter. ABPN President, speaking on behalf of the Association of British Paediatric Nurses, said:

> "During National Volunteers' Week, we are proud to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contribution of volunteers to supporting children's care, across all settings, but especially within the NHS, the independent and voluntary organisations. Their generosity, dedication, and willingness to give their time and expertise help strengthen our profession and support better outcomes for children, young people, and families. At the Association of British Paediatric Nurses, we are deeply grateful to every volunteer who supports the care of babies, children, young people and families."

National Volunteers' Week is an opportunity to shine a light on the individuals who often work quietly behind the scenes, yet whose impact is deeply felt. Their support enables organisations such as the ABPN to extend their reach, amplify the voice of

paediatric nursing, and continue driving improvement, collaboration, and professional development across the UK.

The ABPN encourages members, healthcare organisations, and communities to use this week to celebrate volunteers and acknowledge the important role they play in supporting children's healthcare and the professionals who deliver it. Volunteering offers a wide range of personal and social benefits and provides opportunities for individuals to develop new skills, gain valuable experience and build confidence. Overall, it is a powerful way to grow as an individual while helping build stronger communities.

As the Association continues its work to support paediatric nurses and improve outcomes for children and families, volunteers remain an essential part of that journey. On behalf of the Association of British Paediatric Nurses, we extend our sincere thanks to every volunteer for their time, passion, and commitment.

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Notes to Editors

The Association of British Paediatric Nurses (ABPN) is the oldest children's nursing association in the world, established in 1938. Our wide membership includes experts in clinical practice, education, leadership and research.

The ABPN is committed to supporting and championing paediatric nursing across the United Kingdom, promoting excellence in clinical practice, education, leadership, and advocacy to improve outcomes for babies, children, young people, and their families.

The term child refers to infants, children, young people and young adults up to 25 years of age.

The ABPN recognises that primary and community services, as well as child public health and mental health services, including school nurses and health visitors also have a key role in supporting children, young people and families.