

85th Annual General Meeting Minutes

12md-1pm, Tuesday 26th March 2024: Studios, Birmingham and Virtually via MS teams
Reporting Period 1st Jan 2023-31st Dec 2023

Attendees (apologies noted separately)

President of the ABPN – Professor Bernie Carter -in person
Honorary Secretary -ABPN Governance and Development Group (G&D) – Robin Hyde (via MS teams)
Membership Co-ordinator - ABPN Governance and Development Group (G&D) -Jim Robinson (via MS teams)
Katrina McNamara-Goodger -ABPN Governance and Development Group (G&D) in person
Norman Long -ABPN Governance and Development Group (G&D) in person
Ann Bisbrown-Lee -ABPN Governance and Development Group (G&D) in person

Dame Elizabeth Fradd -member in person
Professor Mark Whiting-member in person
Margaret Williams –member in person
Fiona Smith -member in person

1. Presidents Welcome and Introductions

Professor Bernie Carter, President of the ABPN, welcomed all members in attendance within the room and to those attending online (G&D officers, Robin Hyde Hon. Secretary and Jim Robinson, Membership Services Co-ordinator).

Bernie outlined the format of the AGM for the benefit of all members in attendance including highlighting the absence of some officers from the Governance & Development Group (G&D), apologies from those persons(s) noted within the minutes herein.

Bernie provided members with a detailed summary of her work with the ABPN over the period of the 1st of Jan 2023-31st Dec 2023 including her own reflections on the 85th Anniversary Tea Party, contributions to research and workforce development priorities to expand the Children's Nursing profession in the UK. In addition, offered thanks to the members of the ABPN G&D for the work undertaken in the reporting period. **For a detailed outline** of the president's address-please see **Appendix 1** within these minutes.

2. Apologies Received

Caron Eyre – Chair ABPN
Simon Hardcastle-Waugh – Treasurer ABPN
Dr Stephen McKeever – Editor in Chief, Journal of Child Healthcare
Rachel Cooke
Dr Michael Tatterton
Hermione Montgomery

3. Minutes of the 84th Annual General Meeting and Matters Arising

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Agreed and no matters arising.

4. Officers Reports

a) Chair -Caron Eyre

Katrina McNamara-Goodger (G&D member) provided the Chairs report in absentia for Caron. Katrina summarised Carons reflections on the busy year for the ABPN during the reporting period of the 1st of Jan 2023-31st Jan 2023. Priorities for the ABPN for 2024 were highlighted including the development of the VeryConnect membership platform and the benefits this will bring to members. In addition, the national lottery funded Oral History Project and other work to support the growth of ABPN membership. **For a detailed outline of the Chairs report**-please see **Appendix 2** within these minutes.

b) Honorary Secretary -Robin Hyde

Robin highlighted that this was his first year as the Honorary Secretary to the ABPN G&D having succeeded to the role from Katrina McNamara-Goodger following proposal and agreement at the 84th Annual General Meeting in 2023. Robin gave thanks to Katrina for her many years of contribution to the ABPN in this role as well as Katrina's guidance provided in the first year within the role.

Robin reflected on the year highlighting key work where he had represented the ABPN -key work discussed was the Fit4CYPs project which looks to understand the impact of the NMC (2018) Standards of Proficiency for Registered Nurses on the preparation of children's nurses for the role. In addition, Robin spoke about his contribution to the NMC review and need for regulation of Advanced Practice in the UK. **For a detailed outline of the Honorary Secretary's report**-please see **Appendix 3** within these minutes.

c) Membership Services Co-ordinator – Jim Robinson

Jim provided members an update on the overall total number of members which stands at 228. This has been a small increase. Also, Jim highlighted the move towards the new membership platform VeryConnect. A formal launch of which is anticipated within the coming months. **For a detailed outline of the membership services co-ordinator report**-please see **Appendix 4** within these minutes.

d) Finance officer -Simon Hardcastle-Waugh

Katrina McNamara-Goodger provided the finance officers report in absentia for Simon Hardcastle-Waugh. The reports have been formally audited as highlighted within the report-covering the period 1st of Jan 2023-31st Dec 2023. **The accounts were proposed/approved first by Fiona Smith (Member) and seconded by Norman Long (Member and G&D member).** Katrina highlighted to members for the first time in sometime the ABPN accounts are in a 'healthy' position of income versus expenditure which is reflective of the work which has been ongoing over the last year e.g., re-negotiation of the contract with SAGE in publishing contracts for the Journal of Child Healthcare. Fiona Smith (member) asked whether there would be ongoing costs associated with the VeryConnect membership

platform contract. Jim Robinson confirmed there would be. **For a detailed outline of the finance officer and audited accounts** -please see **Appendix 5** within these minutes.

e) Journal Editor

Professor Bernie Carter, President of the ABPN, provided the Journal Editors report in absentia for Dr Stephen McKeever. Bernie highlighted aspects of key performance of the journal including the steady developments with the impact factor and rankings for the journal.

Professor Mark Whiting made a comment and asked the question with respect to the reduction in the number of manuscript submissions which originated and/or pertained to work within the UK. Bernie referred to the journal editor report to highlight the breadth of submissions Internationally. Bernie and members in the room discussed factors which may be influencing this trend. **Action:** Dr Stephen McKeever to be invited to a future webinar with members to discuss ways perhaps the Journal could support an approach to tackle this trend. For a detailed outline of the Editor in Chief Report-please refer **Appendix 6** within these minutes.

f) Communications – Newsletter and Website

Professor Bernie Carter, President of the ABPN, provided an outline of key developments related to communications which encompassed the digitalisation of the newsletter using Adobe Express software. This has created a brighter and more flexible design with fully credited images, sharing timely information about the work of the G&D as well as developments in children's nursing with members. Moreover, Bernie discussed the appointment of Georgina Ferguson-Glover. Georgina was appointed by the ABPN G&D in an honorarium position to support the growth of the ABPNs social media profile as well as work related to the Oral History Project.

Georgina's contribution has been and will continue to be central to the work of the ABPN G&D and wider organisational growth including tackling key priorities set by G&D. **For a detailed outline of developments with communications**-please see refer to **Appendix 7** within these minutes.

Approval of Fellows

Professor Bernie Carter, President of the ABPN, presented the nominations for Fellow of the ABPN 2024 which were.

- **Fellowship of the ABPN 2024** is awarded to Margaret Gwilliam in recognition of her outstanding contributions and her encouragement over many years to the ABPN.
- **Fellowship of the ABPN 2024** is awarded to Katrina McNamara-Goodger in recognition of her outstanding contribution in many roles to the care of children and young people and her long-standing work for the ABPN.
- **Fellowship of the ABPN 2024** is awarded to Professor Karen Ford in recognition of her outstanding contributions to children's nursing research, developing children's nursing practice and her support of the rights of children.
- **Fellowship of the ABPN 2024** is awarded to Professor Minette Coetzee in recognition of her outstanding contribution to building context-specific children's nursing in Africa and empowering children's nurses to drive forward change in Africa.

The nominations proposed first by Fiona Smith (Member) and seconded by Ann Bisbrown-Lee.

Confirmation of Annual Subscription Fee

This was discussed and agreed by members to remain £40 annually.

Officer Election – Chair

Caron Eyre was approved and retained appointment as Chair of the ABPN.

No disagreement or objections were lodged.

G&D Group Membership

Katrina McNamara-Goodger proposed Fiona Smith (Member) to join G&D. This was seconded by Professor Bernie Carter, President of the ABPN.

The **AGM was closed** by Professor Bernie Carter, President of the ABPN. Robin Hyde, Honorary Secretary ABPN G&D gave thanks to Bernie and Katrina for the facilitation of the meeting.

Date of the next AGM-TBC.

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Appendix 1: Presidential Address AGM

President's welcome (85th Annual General Meeting, Association of British Paediatric Nurses)

Welcome to the 85th Annual General Meeting of the ABPN. It's a privilege to be your President.

We have had another busy year with plenty of activity undertaken by the members of the Governance and Development Board on behalf of the Association with a real sense of looking forward while also honouring our past. At 85 years old, we are still passionate about children's nursing and engaging in key discussions at national level to promote and protect children's nursing education which ultimately helps secure the care of children and young people.

You will hear in more detail about the work undertaken by the Governance and Development Board members as we go through the meeting, but I want to briefly acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Board members. The following acknowledgements only touches a fraction of peoples' contributions.

So, hats off to Caron Eyre, who has gracefully and brilliantly steered our meetings and provided direction and encouragement to the Board and has been a brilliant ambassador for the Association.

And from here I'm hoping that Google translate has accurately translated 'hats off' in different languages!

Chapeau (or hats off in French) Simon Hardcastle and Jim Robinson who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to improve our membership services via an exciting digital platform that will – very soon – open up a huge range of new possibilities for engaging with members. They have learned more about the intricacies of building a web platform than they expected – they are still recovering!

Ich meinen hut vor ihnen (hats off in German) to Robin Lindsay Hyde who has done a great job as our Secretary – no easy matter – as well as representing the Association in important work (the Fit4CYP work) focusing on the future of children's nurses with other nurse academics across the country

And, tiro-lhe o chapeu (hats off in Portuguese) to Katrina McNamara-Goodger and Norman Long who have led on the oral history project. Again, a lot of hard work and juggling of diaries to ensure that the really important stories of children's nurses and children's nursing have been captured for posterity. I know that they have loved making connections with the storytellers and have been fascinated by the stories that have been shared.

Me quito el sombrero (and apologies for poor Spanish pronunciation) to Ann Bisbrown-Lee for being a living repository of the history of the ABPN – she is our go to person for ABPN minutiae.

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She could certainly have the ABPN as her specialist subject on Mastermind and answer all questions correctly and in a very fast time.

And tanto di cappello (Italian) to Georgina Ferguson-Glover, who has been working with the Board (although not a member). She has transformed our social media presence through her expertise in Facebook, Tiktok and X (formerly Twitter) and whose work has been noticed and picked up by work being undertaken by National Health Service England.

I also want to acknowledge and celebrate the work of our Fellows and members – passionate, caring, dedicated people who bring so much to the Association and whose contributions past and present have and continue to support the delivery of excellent health care for children and young people, and preparing and leading the workforce, and developing the evidence base for care.

And, finally, what have I been doing as your President? I've been quite busy but in summary. I've been and continue to contribute to the Fit4CYP work led by Matthew Carey and Sarah Neill from Plymouth, I've been involved in the NHSE Domestic Supply and Pipeline Working Group (basically focusing on how we can ensure recruitment of high-quality candidates for children's nursing). I was delighted to represent the ABPN and present a potted history of the Association at the launch of the RCNs brilliant exhibition on the History of the Children's Nursing. And, in my spare time I run the website and create the newsletters.

I'm excited about the future of the ABPN and I'm looking forward to engaging with more of our members over the next 12 months and working hard for the Association to ensure the future of children's nursing and the health and well-being of children and young people.

Prof Bernie Carter

President, ABPN.

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Appendix 2: Chair of the ABPN Report

Chair's Report for the Annual General Meeting April 2024.

Firstly, I'd like to apologise for not being with you all today, a surprise holiday and a clash of flight dates means that I am at the moment in the air. I'm very sorry.

- Going into my second year as Chair, I am still learning! I'd like to thank my established colleagues on the G&D group for their continued support to myself and the other new members of the group.
- **Changes to the membership of Governance and Development.**

I would like to thank Katrina McNamar-Goodger and Norman Long for their support, sage advice to the G&D Group and for their commitment to the Oral History Project.

Last Year's Successes

85th Celebratory Tea Party

We held a very enjoyable and successful 85th Tea Party which welcomed our new Fellows to the organisation who were the first for a while. The event was well attended, and our feedback was extremely positive. It was lovely to see so many members and friends.

We also began our online webinars the first one being chair by myself about inherited metabolic bone disease.

VeryConnect

It's taken a while, but we are nearly there!

We refreshed how we managed our membership by purchasing an online platform which after much data cleansing will imminently go live. This platform, VeryConnect will not only help us to better manage our membership but will also enable us to run webinars. I am really excited about the potential of the webinars; they will increase our reach and external profile and importantly help us to share the experience of our members and fellows with the CYP nursing community.

Georgina Ferguson-Glover, we were very lucky to have been introduced to Georgina by our president Prof Bernie Carter, thank you Bernie. With Georgina's social networking skills, we have increased our social media presence exponentially which is very exciting. It feels like we have all of the factors in place to make next year a very successful one.

We have engaged in discussion with educational colleagues about the educational preparation of undergraduate student nurses and given several statements the CYP healthcare journalists about really vital subjects such as the CYP National PEWS project and Martha's law.

Priorities for 2024

Oral History Project. As you will recall, Katrina McNamara-Goodger was successful in her application on behalf of the Association to the National Lottery Charity for the Oral History Project and this work was launched at the 85th Tea Party in April 2023. We are continuing to

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collect your stories, recollections and memories about children and young people's nursing which will be archived for the future, with the launch event being this afternoon.

We will consider how we make our offer valuable and supportive to CYP nurse new in career, our social media presence will help us with this.

I am very proud to be the Chair of this prestigious CYP organisation and I looking forward to working at the Chair in the next year.

Caron Eyre

Chair of the ABPN

14/03/2024

Appendix 3 – Honorary Secretary of the ABPN G&D Group Report

Honorary Secretary Annual Report -15th March 2024

Overview:

I, Robin L Hyde, succeeded to the position of Honorary Secretary for the Association of British Paediatric Nurses (ABPN) following nomination and endorsement at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held virtually via Microsoft Teams on the **26th of April 2023**. I wish to give my thanks to my predecessor Katrina McNamara-Goodger for her many years of continued support to the ABPN including the Governance and Development (G&D) Group.

The ABPN G&D group have continued to meet on a regular basis through this reporting period. Meetings have been held virtually via Microsoft Teams which has helped the organisation work towards a sustainable approach to business, reducing travel and offering an accessible way to oversee the objectives of the ABPN.

Similar, to my predecessor's report from 2022, this period for which my report covers has been a significantly busy time for the ABPN. An outline of these activities during this reporting period is provided in summary below.

85th Anniversary Event -Tea Party, 27th April 2023 – Burlington Hotel, Birmingham

The event was attended by a total of **65 guests**. A range of discussions and reflections on the history and future hopes for Children and Young People's nursing was shared amongst the attendees. In addition, the ABPN were able to celebrate the appointment and recognition of *Fellows of the ABPN* which were agreed at the AGM held on the 26th of April 2023. Details of these appointments are provided separately in this report.

The ABPN G&D group collated a summary of feedback from the event which is provided here.



ABPN 85th Event
Summary of Feedba

A movie from the event is available [here](#).

Fellow of the ABPN

At the AGM held on the **26th of April 2023**, the following persons were formally agreed as recipients of a Fellow of the ABPN award in recognition of their significant contribution to the field of Children and Young People's Nursing.

**Ann Bisbrown-Lee, Steve Campbell, Rachel Cooke, Norman Long
Bertha Ochieng, Gerri Sefton, Fiona Smith, Michael Tatterton**

In addition, during this reporting period, the ABPN G&D revised/created a term of reference for the process of overseeing the Fellow of the ABPN scheme. For the purposes of this report, this is shared here.

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Terms of reference for Honorary Fellow

Newsletter and Social Media Activities

The ABPN has continued to draft and circulate a newsletter on a quarterly basis which is sent to members as well as shared via the ABPN webpages. During this reporting period, the newsletter has continued to draw focus on key issues arising for Children, Young People and Families. This is in addition to highlighting training opportunities as well as wider activities the ABPN is involved in e.g., the Fit4CYPs project, referred to later within this report.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and thank Georgina Ferguson-Glover to her contribution to the work of the ABPN during this reporting period. Georgina was appointed by the ABPN G&D group to help support the enhancement of the organisations reach through social media. In doing so, Georgina has helped increase engagement with our X (formerly Twitter) space as well as “*shine the light*” on the opportunities a career in Children and Young People’s nursing affords. This has been facilitated through Georgina’s focused work in creating short videos from a host of practitioners who have volunteered to share their experiences from across the UK. These videos can be accessed in our You Tube channel [here](#).

Oral History Project

Following the successful National Lottery funding bid in 2022, Katrina McNamara-Goodger and Norman Long have been busily collating a range of stories and experiences from a broad range of persons including members, capturing significant developments in Children and Young People’s Nursing as well as hopes and vision for the future of the profession. Both look forward to sharing this work in due course.

Fit4CYPs Project

Prof Bernie Carter (President of the ABPN) and I have been actively contributing to and representing the ABPN in relation to the Fit4CYPs project. The project aims to establish how the structure and content of pre-registration educational programmes influence the readiness for practice of newly qualified children’s nurses. More information about this project can be found [here](#).

VeryConnect Project

During this period, the ABPN G&D approved a move towards a new virtual platform to support with managing ABPN membership including the facility to host online events for members in the future-this is **VeryConnect**. It is envisaged this new platform will assist in helping improve the logistics of managing the financial workings of the ABPN, membership and educational sharing opportunities. Officers Simon Hardcastle-Waugh and Jim Robinson have been overseeing this work and we look forward to sharing the launch of this project in the very near future.

Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), Regulation of Advanced Practice -Roundtable

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In November 2023, I contributed, on behalf of the ABPN, to a roundtable meeting as part of the NMC review for regulation of Advanced Practice. In doing so, influencing the range of proposals which are due to be presented to the NMC Council within the Spring 2024. More details of this work can be found [here](#).

In summary, I have enjoyed a very busy but productive first year as Honorary Secretary to the ABPN and very much look forward to supporting the objectives of the ABPN going forward.



Robin Lindsay Hyde

Honorary Secretary

Association of British Paediatric Nurses (ABPN) -Governance and Development Group

Appendix 4 -Membership Co-ordinator Services – ABPN G&D report

Membership Services Co-ordinator Report

This is the last annual report before the new online system for membership records comes into use.

Membership at 31 st December 2023		Membership at 31 st December 2022	
Total membership:	228	Total membership:	221
Annual membership:	54	Annual membership:	51
Life membership	168	Life membership:	170
Fellows	8		

2023 saw the appointment of 8 Fellows, 2 of these are also included in the Life membership figures.

Annual membership continued to rise during the year. A decline in life membership continued 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 now have 9 annual members with no updated contact details, a reduction from the last report period, these members remain included in the membership figures above. These individuals have not received newsletters or journals although their Direct Debits remain in place.

Report completed 16th March 2024.

J E Robinson

Membership Secretary



Charity Registration Number: 272731

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Financial Statements

Year Ended 31st December 2023

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'.

This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The legal requirement for the trustees' annual report is found in section 162 of the Charities Act 2011. The Act provides that the charity trustees of a charity must prepare in respect of each financial year of the charity an annual report containing:

- (a) such a report by the trustees on the activities of the charity during that year
- (b) such other information relating to the charity or to its trustees or officers

as may be prescribed by regulations made by the minister.

The 2008 Regulations therefore apply to all registered charities and excepted charities which prepare a trustees' annual report.

The Trustees are responsible for: -

- receiving and approving Association policies
- receiving reports from key Office Holders at least once a year on activities, progress and issues for review.
- safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud or other irregularities.
- the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included in reports.

1. **The ABPN does NOT have any:** -

- a) Trustee remuneration (apart from expenses incurred when undertaking activities to represent the ABPN, i.e., Travel, refreshments or accommodation);
- b) Capital Commitments.
- c) Contingent liabilities.
- d) Bank Guarantee- nor guaranteed overdraft facilities.
- e) Retirement benefits.
- f) Subsidiary undertakings.
- g) Ring fenced funds.
- h) Designated funds.
- i) Joint Ventures.
- j) Tangible assets- motor vehicles, furniture
- k) freehold premises, leasehold properties
- l) Trustee Indemnity Insurance
- m) Employee or staff costs.

A. The Governance and Development Group are the Operational Management Group who: -

- Compile and maintain membership database,
- strive to increase membership and facilitate detailed information and reports to The Trustees and members
- confirm to all members and interested parties the objectives of the ABPN.
- promote greater awareness of the ABPN
- endeavour to ensure the ABPN does not have any deficits in funds.

B. Financial income of the ABPN is received principally from membership fees, plus occasional donations and grants.

C. The ABPN is not registered as a fund-raising organisation with The Fundraising Regulator, however, we would fully comply with the Fundraising Promise –



*“... Commit to High Standards; be Clear, Honest and Open; be Respectful; be Fair and reasonable;
be Accountable and Responsible” in any activities that we used to generate monies from fundraising.*



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Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 31st December 2023

INCOME	£	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Balance of Current Account 1 st January 2023		28,755.98		
Annual Membership Fees	1,951.00		D D Refunds	75.00
Journal Royalties	11,000.00		Gifts	50.00
85 th Anniversary Sponsorship	4,000.00		Stationary, Postage, Printing & IT	358.45
Goods Sales	163.10		V.A.T. Paid	796.61
Reimbursed V.A.T.	16.62		Travel & Accommodation	412.89
			Weebly Professional Site Plan	198.41
			Chain of Office Repair	225.00
			Auditors Professional Services	250.00
			85 th Anniversary Event	2,497.50
			CPCET Educational Framework	80.00
			Very Connect	3,900.00
Total Income for the Year	17,130.72		Total Expenditure for the Year	8,843.86

Excess of Income over Expenditure

8,286.86

Balance at Bank on 31st December 2023 37,042.84

Statement of **Business Reserve Account** for Year Ended 31st December 2023

	£	£
Balance 1 st January 2023		4,987.86
Interest Earned	47.48	
Balance 31 st December 2023		5,035.34



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of ABPN

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ABPN for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination.

Tick Declaration

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- ✓ accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;

- ✓ the accounts do not accord with those records

Signed:

Date 20.02.2024



Name: *David Dalby*:

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any) (*M.A. Dip Ad Ed., Dip Nurs., RNLD., FETC*)



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CHARITY INFORMATION

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Professional advisers consulted by the Trustees during the year were:

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Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Caron Eyre



Chairperson

Dated 22nd March 2024

Appendix 6 Editor in Chief -Journal Report

Annual Report 2023 - 2024 ABPN Editorial Board

Journal of Child Health Care

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Child Health Care

Journal of Child Health Care is now in its 28th year of publication.

Ranking

Our current (2022) Impact Factor is 1.9. Impact factor trend is shown in Figure 1

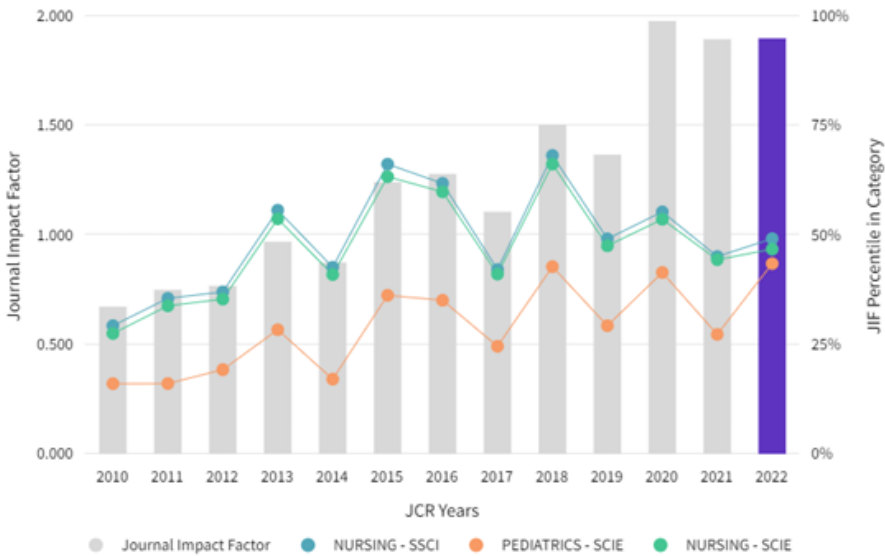


Figure 1 Journal of Child Health Care Impact Factor & percentile rank in category

JCHC's impact factor (Figure 1) and yearly number of article citations (Figure 2) has stabilised over last two years.

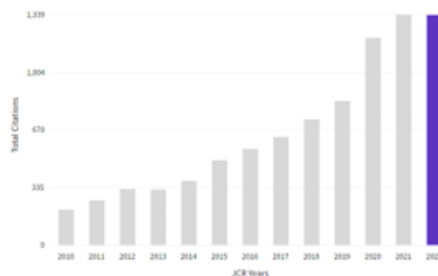


Figure 2 Total number of times JCHC articles were cited by all journals included in JCR database by year.

There has been a slight increase in our ranking within JCHC's comparable journals. As shown in Table 1, for both 'Nursing' and 'Paediatrics' we have JCHC's relative quartile position is three.

Table 1 InCites Journal Citation Reports (Rank by Journal Impact Factor)

	2022	Quartile	2021	Quartile	2020	Quartile	2019	Quartile	2018	Quartile
Nursing (SCIE)	67/125	Q3	70/125	3	58/124	2	65/123	3	41/120	2
Paediatrics	74/130	Q3	95/130	3	76/129	3	91/128	3	72/125	3

Table 2 Top 20 countries by number of submissions (Jan – Dec 2023) with outcome.

Country/Region	Accept	Reject	Total	Accept Ratio
Turkey	0	85	85	0.00%
China	1	51	52	1.92%
India	0	42	42	0.00%
United States	5	32	37	13.51%
Brazil	2	24	26	7.69%
Canada	10	14	24	41.67%
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	10	11	21	47.62%
Korea (the Republic of)	2	11	13	15.38%
Australia	5	7	12	41.67%
Ethiopia	0	12	12	0.00%
Iran (the Islamic Republic of)	1	11	12	8.33%
Japan	1	9	10	10.00%
Taiwan	0	10	10	0.00%
Kazakhstan	0	9	9	0.00%
Portugal	1	8	9	11.11%
Ghana	1	7	8	12.50%
Jordan	0	8	8	0.00%
Israel	0	7	7	0.00%
South Africa	3	4	7	42.86%
Bangladesh	0	6	6	0.00%

Original manuscripts received by JCHC has increased. Over the past 12 months, our rejection rate (this includes initial reject as inappropriate without going through the peer review system and reject to transfer desk) has decreased.

Further details can be found in

Table 3.

Table 3 JCHC submissions and rejection vs accepted rates (2017 –2022)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	423	461	504	705	791	669	659
Original	299	339	389	541	561	476	515
Accept	55	70	45	44	70	72	44
Reject	131	257	276	503	463	511	436
Accept / Reject Ratio	42%	27.2%	16.3%	8.7%	15.1%	14%	10%

Online First continues to be a positive and highly regarded aspect of the Journal. It means that articles appear online within weeks of being accepted thus reducing the inevitable delay that occurs with a quarterly journal of hard / electronic copy publication.

Sage links

In late 2023, Lisa Johnstone commenced a new role. Lisa has been replaced with Esther Fagelson. JCHC's Publishing Editors were supported by an intern Editorial Assistant Heba Kusseibat.

Again, there have been a number of changes in Sage's India office. Piyano Rema has now been replaced with Prachi Negi

For most of 2023 JCHC production was handled by Priyanka Kannan. Overseeing this department is Arundev Das Content Manager – Journals Production (Global Services).

JCHC issue page budget is a Flexible Page budget. However, keeping at least one years' worth of copy is envisaged.

Editorial Board

Table 4 Summary of JCHC editorial board according to website

Role	Number
Editor in Chief	1
Associate Editors	17 – Review 1 – Statistics 1 - social media
Editors	3
International Editorial Board	29
Emeritus Editor	1

Changes have occurred in relation to JCHC's Editorial Board membership. After many years of JCHC service Helen Langton stood down as an editor. Julian Grant resigned. Wendy Nicholson became uncontactable, thus Associate Editor status revoked.

With some resignations already happened and more expected for 2024, a recruitment campaign was launched in September 2023. After peer review by four members of editorial team, five new Associate Editors will be onboarded in 2024.

- Nicky Pope - University of Melbourne, Australia
- Kelly Foster - University of Southern Queensland, Australia
- Dr. Marie Clancy- University of Exeter, UK
- Dr. Tracy Pasek - Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. USA
- Professor Jayne Price- Kingston University London, UK

Our Social Media Editor, Roses Parker is currently being phased out from JCHC. Roses's replacement Assistant Editor Social Media Jim Reeder has been active on Twitter @JournalofCHC. This continues to have novel branded content.

Liz King continues to interview selected article authors which are edited into podcasts. These are promoted via Twitter and can be found on JCHC website. <https://journals.sagepub.com/page/chc/podcasts>

To increase AE connectivity, quarterly meetings are now held virtually. These are conducted at various times to accommodate our global representation. Meetings are informal but recorded for those who cannot attend. In addition, a JCHC editors WhatsApp group is now up and running.

... finally

It has been a busy year for everyone involved with JCHC and I wish to extend my thanks to everyone who has contributed – namely Governance Group, Sage, Editors, Associate Editors, Assistant Editor, International Editorial Board, reviewers, contributors, tweeters, and readers.



Associate Professor Stephen McKeever
Editor in Chief, Journal of Child Health Care
Monday, 22nd January 2024

Appendix 7 -Communications Report 2024 – Newsletter, website and social media.

Newsletter

Prof Bernie Carter continues to create and edit the fully digital newsletter that uses the software platform (Adobe Express); this helps create a bright accessible newsletter and helps ensure that any images we use are fully credited. The newsletter is distributed directly to members by email and a paper-based (pdf) version is posted to a few non-digital members. The newsletter is also distributed to non-members by social media, and it can be accessed from the website.

Website

The website continues to be updated very regularly and is managed by Prof Bernie Carter. Content (e.g., newsletter, events, policies, updates to the Blue Book) and imagery are updated as required. A new page (Honorary Fellows of the ABPN) has been added – this provides core information about each of the Fellow awarded in 2023.

Our domain name remains the same www.abpn-uk.com.

Work has been undertaken to ensure that the website connects smoothly to the new membership platform.

Social Media

Our social media accounts on X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, TikTok and YouTube are run by Georgina Ferguson-Glover. Georgina, who is not a children's nurse but who has skills and expertise in social media, was appointed for one year (June 2023-2024) with an honorarium as part of the Oral History project to support increasing the awareness of the ABPN. Georgina has been very active in creating an ABPN presence over these platforms and increasing the profile and presence of the ABPN on social media. She has also guided the ABPN in relation to social media for the Oral History project and will have run a social media webinar in March for the members of the Governance and Development Board.

- **TikTok:** We started our TikTok account (@ABPN_ChildNurse) 11th October 2023. We currently have up 15 videos, with a total of: 9,596 views, 120 likes and 14 followers.
- **YouTube:** We started our YouTube account (@ABPN_ChildNurse) 3rd October 2023. We currently have up 9 videos, with a total of: 842 views, 52 likes and 12 subscribers.
- **X:** Since Georgina started working on our X page (@ABPN_ChildNurse) in mid-June 2023, our follower count has grown by 200, from 1,185 followers to 1,385.
- **Facebook:** Since Georgina started working on our Facebook page (Association of British Paediatric Nurses) in mid-June 2023, we have gained 107 followers, taking us from 181 followers to 288.

Georgina has interviewed 25 children's nurses so far, editing both full length and short videos for YouTube and TikTok. This work led to an invitation by the NHSE CYP Nursing- Domestic Supply and Pipeline Workstream project for permission to use the data from the interviews to look at improving recruitment and retention for children's nurses in the NHS.

For child mental health week, we published 6 videos on CYP mental health, on X we had 3,127 views and 600+ on Facebook. Georgina created a mental health tree around talking to children and young people about their mental health and ways to help them with their mental health, which was seen by 1600+ people.

Georgina plans to continue editing the rest of the interviews into both short and long formats, she also plans to conduct many more interviews with children's nurses.

Prof Bernie Carter (Newsletter and Website), Georgina Ferguson-Glover (Social Media): 26th February 2024