

**President's Welcome to  
the 87<sup>th</sup> AGM  
24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Prof Bernie Carter, President, Association of British  
Paediatric Nurses, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Welcome, Introductions and Thank you.**

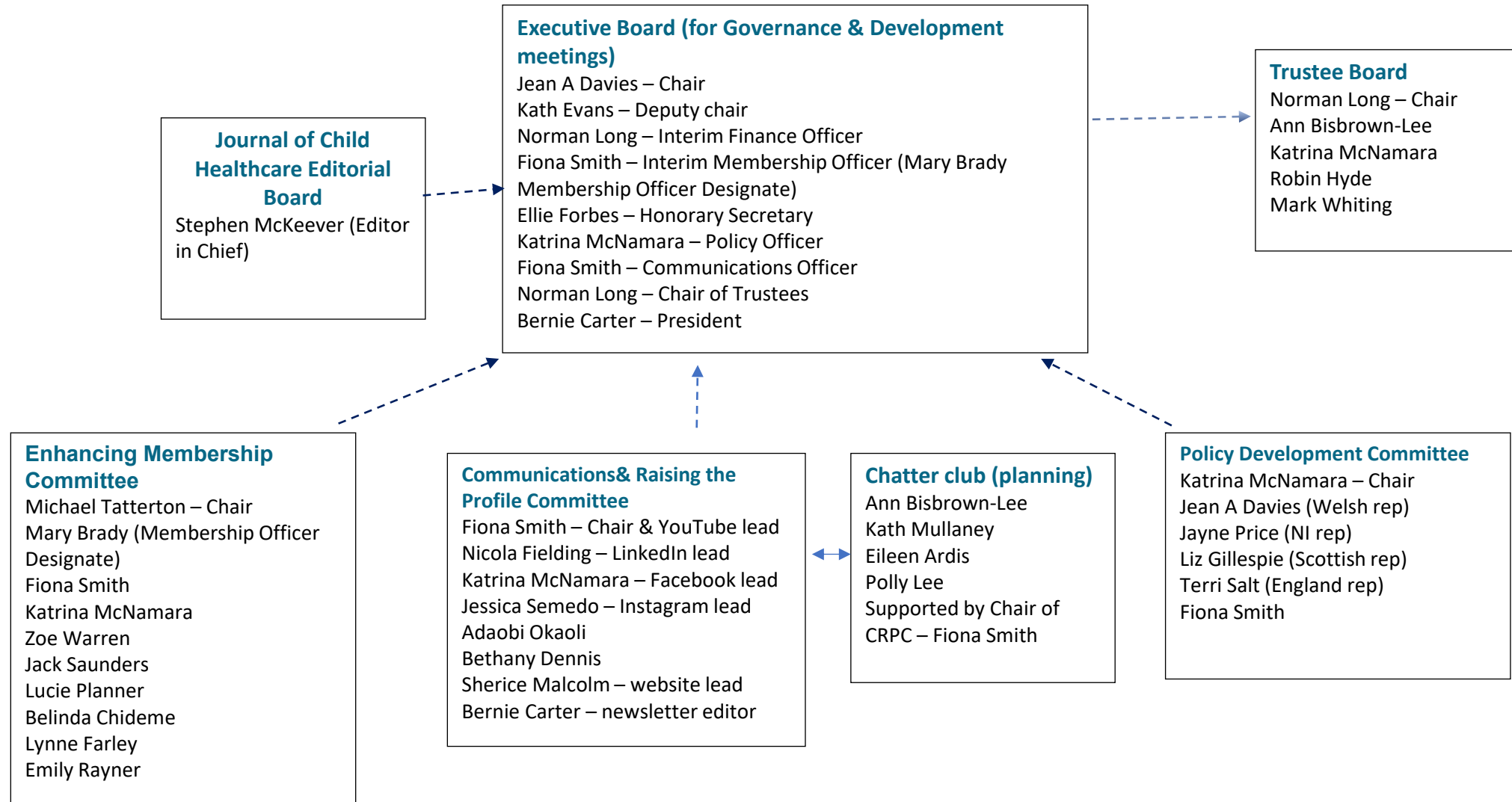
As a member of the Association, you've already made a big decision – you've got involved.

You can help turn conversations and practice in positive directions and that's got to be a good and rewarding thing.

# Chair's report

- **Establishing connections** with key individuals & organisations
- **Key role changes:** welcome and thanks to new and past post holders
- **ABPN workplan and developments since the AGM and World Café in 2025**
  - 'A Blueprint for integrated community children's nursing services'
  - VeryConnect member platform
  - National Children's Nurses Day 30<sup>th</sup> June & Tell Us
- **Important** organisational structure changes following the AGM

# Association of British Paediatric Nurses Organogram



## Deputy chair - Kath Evans

- **Represented the Association of British Paediatric Nurses (ABPN)** in the House of Commons in relation to children's continence and education discussions.
- **Participated in Children's Nursing Partnership UK meetings**, this group will inform the development of the Modern Service Framework for Children (subject to Ministerial approval).
- **Chaired ABPN online webinars** with subject matter experts to support professional learning and discussion across the children's nursing community.
- **Alongside the Chair has met with Chief Nursing Officers for England and Scotland** to raise awareness of the expertise of the children's nursing workforce and the contribution it can make to national policy development.
- **Brought perspectives from frontline clinical practice**, an acute trust, Trustee role at Roald Dahl and an Integrated Care Board (ICB) to the ABPN Governance and Development Group.

# Hon. Secretary report

- Third annual report
- **Supporting Chair and New G&D Officers**
- Represent the interests of the ABPN in an advisory capacity contributing to the work of the Fit4CYP project
- Last annual report as Honorary Secretary for the ABPN. It has been a pleasure and honour to hold the responsibilities in this officer role and I wish my successor all the very best going forward.
- **Remain as Trustee**

# Interim Membership Officer report

# Membership

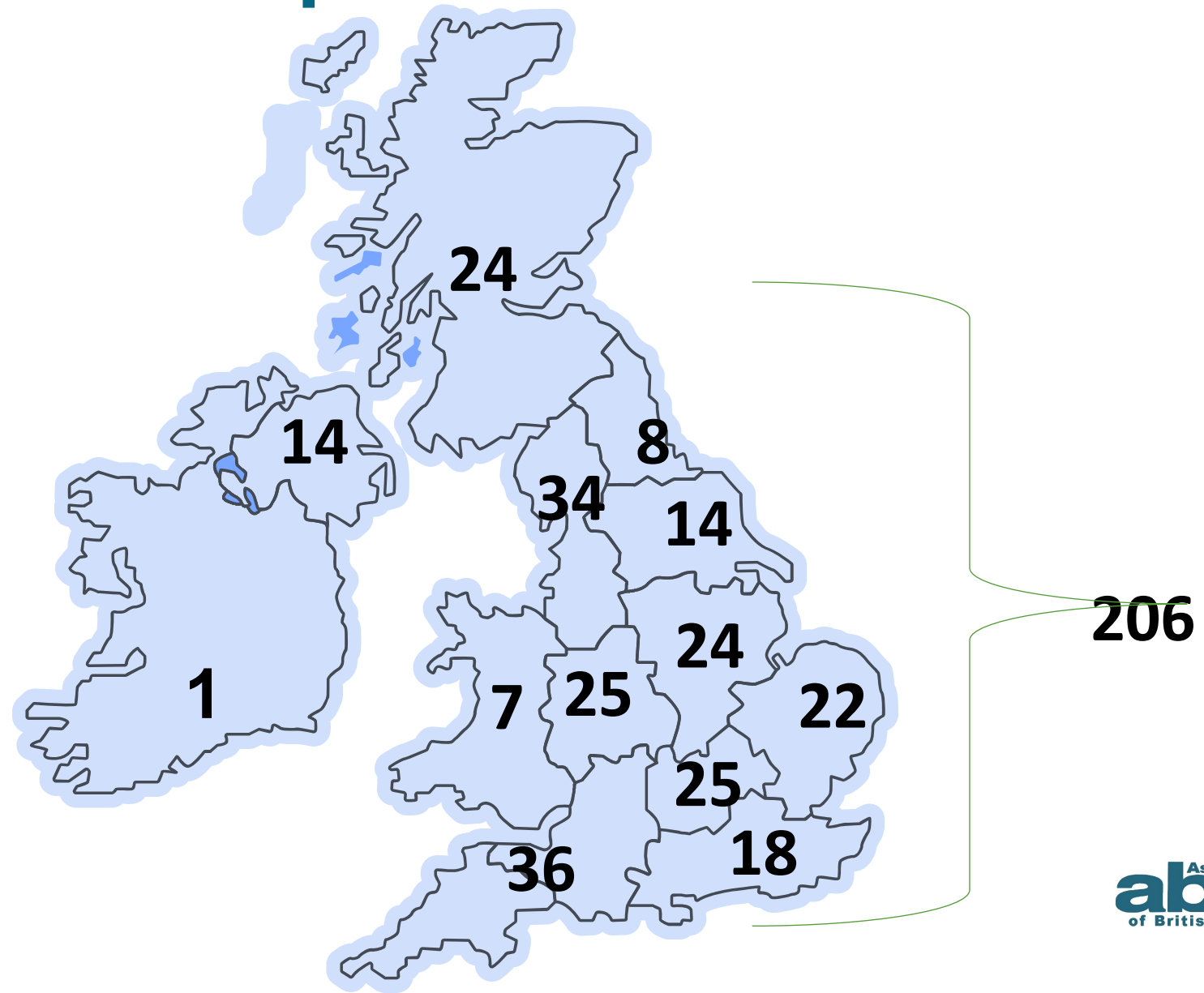
## 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

- Total membership = 338
- Annual membership = 71
- Associate membership = 2
- Life membership = 144
- Fellows = 15
- Students = 106

## 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

- Total membership = 219
- Annual membership = 46
- Associate membership = 1
- Life membership = 145
- Fellows = 12
- Students = 19

# ABPN membership 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025



# Membership categories & subscriptions

## Full members

- Students undertaking an undergraduate programme to become a registered children's nurse – **Free**
- Newly qualified children's nurses for 2 years - **£10 pa**
- Registered children's Nurses qualified more than 2 years - **£25 pa**
- UK retired children's nurses - **£10 pa**

## Associate members

Anyone working with children and young people

- In the UK - **£15 pa**
- Overseas - **£10 pa**

# Acting Finance Officer's report

- Unexpected change of Finance Officer part way through the year, management of the Association finances continued smoothly.
- Membership fees and Journal Royalties were main sources of income.
- Annual General Meeting and World café which were held in person, Third party membership management and Journal distribution were most significant areas of planned expenditure.
- We are seeking an interested member to join the Governance and Development Group as new Finance Officer.

**Accounts for 2025 have been externally verified, final figures for the year are as follows:**

| <b>Current Account</b>                                   |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Income for the year 2025</b>                          | <b>£ 13,765.99</b>       |
| <b>Expenditure for the year 2025</b>                     | <b>£ 12,690.72</b>       |
| <b><u>Excess of income over expenditure for 2025</u></b> | <b><u>£ 1,045.72</u></b> |
| <b>Bank Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2025</b>      | <b>£ 33,011.09</b>       |
| <b>Business Reserve Account</b>                          |                          |
| <b>Balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</b>         | <b>£ 15,168.25</b>       |
| <b>Interest Earned</b>                                   | <b>£ 199.36</b>          |
| <b>Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025</b>       | <b>£ 5,367.88</b>        |

# Journal of Child Health Care Editor's report

- **Journal of Child Health Care is now in its 30th year of publication**
- The impact factor has risen, accompanied by an increase in number of article citations
- The Flexible page limit allows for more publications per year
- The ranking with comparable journals has increased for both 'Nursing' and 'Paediatrics'
- Original manuscripts received has increased
- Quarterly editorial board meetings held
- Liz King interviews selected article authors which are edited into podcasts accessible via social media and JCHC website

# Communications report

## **Newsletter**

- Increased content, issued quarterly plus additional i.e. festive issue

## **Website**

- Refreshed by Sherice Malcolm, New website lead. Launched in February 2026. Will be on display during breaks

## **Media**

- Press releases: planned and proactive. ABPN cited
- Social media: LinkedIn and Instagram accounts established

## **Member communications and engagement**

- Member emails sent about key developments and initiatives
- Free and open to all webinar programme

# Approval of Fellowships & Awards of Merit

## **Fellowships**

- Moh Moh Lwin
- James Robinson

## **Awards of Merit**

- Claire Tainton, clinical nurse specialist
- Faye Price, Paediatric epilepsy nurse specialist
- Gemma Stanley, Community children's nurse
- Dawn Bradley, Community children's nurse & respiratory specialist
- Mairead Farrell, Specialist Looked After Children's nurse (Adoption)
- Sarah Clayton, CEO Simple Stuff Works

# Officers Appointments

## **Chair: Dr Jean A Davies**

Proposer: Professor Bernie Carter

Seconder:

## **Deputy Chair: Kath Evans**

Proposer: Dr Jean A Davies

Seconder:

## **Honorary Secretary: Ellie Forbes**

Proposer: Dr Jean A Davies

Seconder:

## **Membership Officer: Mary Brady**

Proposer: Dr Jean A Davies

Seconder:

# Member Issues

**Next AGM: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2027**

# ABPN Fellowship & Awards of Merit

# Honorary Fellowship

**Moh Moh Lwin** awarded an Honorary Fellowship in recognition of her leadership in the development and delivery of an undergraduate nursing programme, drawing on remote participation from international experts.

The risks to Moh Moh and other qualified nurses working with pre-registration student cohorts are high in Myanmar where the teaching of nursing and practising as a nurse outside of junta-controlled areas is forbidden.

# Honorary Fellowship

**James Robinson** awarded an Honorary Fellowship in recognition of long service to the ABPN as the Membership Officer, maintaining an efficient and effective membership system.

Jim consistently ensured that the ABPN remembered and recognised their role as a UK organisation and the different systems and processes in all four UK countries.

# Award of Merit

**Claire Tainton, Clinical Nurse specialist, Bristol Children's Hospital**

Awarded an ABPN Award of Merit in recognition of the leadership and establishment of a home dialysis service, enabling children, young people and families to maintain as near as normal life as possible.

Claire researched and visited other services, developed the business case and secured support across the Trust in order to set up the service.

# Award of Merit

**Faye Price, Paediatric Epilepsy Nurse Specialist  
Royal United Hospitals, Bath**

Awarded an ABPN Award of Merit in recognition of revolutionising the triage system for the paediatric epilepsy service, significantly reducing the delay in contact with families on receipt of referral and enabling the most worrying presentations to be seen by a consultant within days.

Children, young people and families consistently comment on the support and reassurance they receive from Faye.

# Award of Merit

**Gemma Stanley, Community Children's Nursing Team, Musgrove Park Hospital**

Awarded an ABPN Award of Merit in acknowledgement of the significant difference made to the lives of children, young people and families by working in a trauma informed way supporting and advocating for children, young people and their families as a community children's nurse

# Award of Merit

**Dawn Bradley, Children's Community Nurse and Specialist Respiratory Nurse, Somerset Foundation Trust**

Awarded an ABPN Award of Merit in recognition of her leadership and the improvements achieved in asthma care for children and young people as inpatients, as well as in the community across the county.

Dawn also established a TB clinic locally to address a particular need.

# Award of Merit

**Mairead Farrell, Specialist Child Looked After Nurse (Adoption) , Somerset NHS Foundation Trust**

Awarded in recognition of the outstanding support provided to vulnerable children and young people throughout the process of adoption, as well as the guidance and advice to adoptive parents

# Award of Merit

**Sarah Clayton, Chief Executive of Simple Stuff Works**

Awarded an ABPN Award of Merit in recognition of influencing improvements and understanding to enhance postural care for children and young people with complex care needs.

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**World Café:  
Preparing, educating  
and developing the  
children's nursing  
workforce for the future**

# Discussion tables

- **The Context & Challenge:** The realities of children and young people's Health and the workforce landscape
- **Pre-Registration – Inspiring, Attracting and Preparing Future Nurses:** how to strengthen the pipeline of children's nurses
- **Post-Registration:** Retaining, Developing and Valuing Expertise
- **Looking Ahead:** Collective Action and System Leadership
- **The Role of the Associate Nurse** in Children's Services
- **Paediatric Urgent Care:** Supporting Staff to Care for Children Safely in primary and secondary care settings

**On a post it note:**

**“What gives you hope about  
the future of children’s  
nursing?”**

**Thank you for attending  
the ABPN World Café**