



Annual Report 2022

This report reflects on activity over the 2022 year and is written in 2023

President's welcome (84th Annual General Meeting, Association of British Paediatric Nurses)

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world” (Ghandi)

Welcome to the 84th Annual General Meeting of the ABPN. In this address I look back at what we have achieved in the past 12 months, and position this in the context of the year of celebration we are planning for our 85th year as an Association.

The Association has been busy this year, welcoming new people to the Governance and Development Board and new members to the Association as well as preparing for our Anniversary Tea Party and an exciting year to come filled with other events. Part of these preparations has involved reaching out to past Officers from the Association. We've been delighted to renew contact with old friends via email, telephone and video and we're looking forward to meeting some of them at the tea party. They have been vital in helping us update our 'Blue Book' (the history of our Association) and we are grateful for their help. Sustaining contact with our past makes us stronger for the future and many of the challenges we face today are similar to those the Association has faced and overcome in the past. Thought-provoking discussions with past President Leslie Robertson and past Finance Officer Sonia Harle illuminated the challenges that can accompany making positive changes and the importance of professionalism; the achievements of their legacy live on in the Association.

After a gap of some years, we have reintroduced the award of ABPN fellowships. We've also been busy developing and/or updating policies to sustain our values and practices as a charitable association. And, in addition to this, detailed discussions have occurred about moving towards greener, more financially efficient, digitally based practices relating to both how we run membership services as well as distribution of the Association's journal. Our newsletter and website have been further updated. I'd like to thank all the Officers and Officers-in-waiting for their inspiration, hard work, and dedication. More details about these changes will be shared throughout the meeting.

Although we have been busy with the internal workings of the Association, we have been active engaging with and representing our members and other colleagues working with children, young people and families, as well as other stakeholders. In my last address I honoured the work of our members and all who are involved in the multiplicity of ways of providing health care for children, preparing and leading the workforce, and developing the evidence base for care. All this work in the UK has been undertaken in the context of shortfalls in workforce numbers, discontent about pay, concern about patient safety and the implications of rising prices. All of these things impact children and young people to some degree but the issues of health

inequalities and poverty loom large for the current and future health and well-being of children and young people.

In an editorial for the Journal of Child Health Care published early in 2023, I wrote about how poverty disproportionately stacks the odds against children's health outcomes and noted that the ABPN is committed to playing its part on advocating against child poverty and warning against the widening of health inequalities. Alongside this, it is crucial that the ABPN continues its commitment to represent and advocate for children's nursing education as it is through a skilled and informed workforce (in practice, management, leadership, education, and research) that we can be the change we want to see.

I close with saying thank you to all members of the Governance and Development Board. This past year we have welcomed new Officers and have said or are saying farewell to those whose – often extended – terms of office have ended. So, thank you to all of you.

And, a special thank you to Katrina McNamara-Goodger who has been the beating heart of the Association. Her energy and vision and leadership have been core to so much of what we have achieved, and she has been the driving force for the plans we have for our 85th year.

Prof Bernie Carter

President, ABPN.

Chair's Report for the Annual General Meeting April 2023.

This is my first AGM, following my first year as chair. It's been a steep learning curve and there's still a lot to learn about the Association. I'd like to thank my colleagues on the G&D group for their warm welcome and for sharing their extensive knowledge of the Association so generously.

Changes to the membership of Governance and Development.

Sadly Danielle Edge, stood down from her role as Newsletter Editor. I'd like to thank her for her enthusiasm and expertise in being responsible for and editing the newsletter.

We have been fortunate to be joined in year by Simon Hardcastle as Finance Officer and Robin Hyde as Honorary Secretary. This has meant that Norman Long and Katrina McNamara- Goodger will change their G&D responsibilities in the following year after handing over to and training Robin and Simon. I would like at this point to thank both Katrina and Norman for all of their hard work and dedication to the Association in these roles and look forward to working with them on their new ABPN projects.

Priorities 2022/23

85th Celebratory Tea Party

We are moving into the Association's 85th Year, an amazing achievement and to recognise the work of the Association in advocating for Children and Young People and CYP nurses we have planned an 85th Celebratory Tea Party for members. This event will also kick off other projects that will reflect upon our prestigious past and past members and to enable the Association to make sure its vision and values remain focused upon CYP nurses and children and young people.

The Blue Book

In year we have worked upon 'The Blue Book' a collation on the Association's history. Previously it was only in a paper format. The Blue Book has been updated by Katrina McNamara-Gooder and our President, Prof. Bernie Carter and is now available to all on our website. This is now a live document and will be updated in real time and on an as when necessary basis. I'd encourage members to read The Blue Book as it's both humbling and fascinating. We also like to hear from members should there be a section in it that you can add to.

Partnerships

We have been busy re-establishing our networks post covid and now have members that attend the Association of Chief Children's Nurse and the CYP Academic Nurses UK meetings. We have developed a productive working relationship with Kyowa Kirin who have kindly supported our 85th Celebratory Tea Party and we have supported their educational programme by hosting webinars and promoting their educational resources to our members and other colleagues.

Oral History Project.

Katrina McNamara-Goodger was successful in her application on behalf of the Association to the National Lottery Charity and we have been awarded a grant to deliver an oral history project to collate the history of the Association and of course children's nursing as its inextricably linked. We are very excited about this, we will launch the project at the 85th Tea Party in April and will be looking for members to support us with this as we need your recollection and memories in order for it to be successful.

Relaunch of the ABPN Fellow

Following discussion and agreement at the Governance and Development Meeting we decided to offer our the ABPN Fellow award again. Prospective members are nominated by their peers and this year's fellows will be announced at the 85th Tea Party

Business

We have refreshed our contract with SAGE pertaining to the Journal of Child Health. The new contact will by the end of 2023 make the journal predominantly available online.

We have invested in a new membership management software with VeryConnect, this was for several reasons, which are to enable us to better manage membership numbers, to be able to deliver the changes to the SAGE contract and the added benefit of being able to deliver members webinars via the software.

Caron Eyre

Chair, ABPN

Finance Report

The Association finances for the year 2022 ended with a better-than-expected excess of income over expenditure, principally as a result of a successful bid for National Lottery funding for a project, funding for which will be restricted to the project.

There were no fundraising activities, income from membership fees continued to fall, and there were on-going low interest rates.

The abpn ***Journal of Child Health Care*** continues to attract worldwide interest and in 2022 we received £10,828.96p in Royalties.

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

Accounts for 2022 have been externally verified, final figures for the year are as follows: -

Current Account

Income for the year 2022	£ 18,890.86
Restricted National Lottery Grant	£ 6,000.00
Expenditure for the year 2022	£11,425.00
<u>Excess of income over expenditure for 2022*</u>	<u>£ 7,465.86</u>
<i>*National Lottery funding is restricted so actual amount of excess income over expenditure</i>	<i>£1,465.86</i>
Bank Balance as at 31 st Dec. 2022	£ 28,755.98

Business Reserve Account

Balance as at 1 st January 2022	£ 4,983.04
Interest Earned	£ 4.82

Balance as at 31st December 2022

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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.

Pleased to report that a member has very kindly agreed to become new Finance Officer, appointment to be discussed at Annual General Meeting.

Norman Long

Finance Officer

ABPN Honorary Secretary's Report

The Association has continued to hold regular meetings of the Governance and Development Group throughout the year. Although travel restrictions have been lifted in the UK meetings have continued to be hosted virtually in most cases to reduce costs and travel. A face-to-face meeting was held as part of the induction process for the Chair and Officers have also attended the Birmingham Burlington Hotel in preparation for the 85th Anniversary event.

Recruitment of new Finance Officer and Honorary Secretary roles has taken place throughout the year with the new officers taking up post after the Annual General Meeting.

Meetings have been held with Kyowa Kirin to plan a year of partnership activity and involvement.

Policies have been reviewed and updated.

A successful funding bid was submitted to the National Lottery for an oral history project which will take place during the Anniversary Year.

Considerable activity has taken place to prepare for the 85th Anniversary Event and in updating the ABPN's History (Blue Book) and has pleasingly given lots of opportunities to contact members, I hope the renewed contact continues into the future.

After a quarter of a century of involvement with the Association, I can confidently say that this has been the busiest year yet and I hope that this busy-ness reflects the start of a rejuvenated organisation that is ready for the new challenges facing children's nursing ahead.

I wish my successor Robin Hyde every success and thank all of the Officers and members I have had the privilege of meeting and working alongside.

Katrina McNamara-Goodger

Honorary Secretary

Membership Report

Membership has again fallen though less so this year. In all 10 members have formally resigned their membership. There were 2 new joiners.

Since the last annual general meeting life membership has not been open to new members.

At December 31st 2022 membership was:

Total members – 221

Annual members – 51

Life members – 170

Jim Robinson

Membership coordinator.

Journal of Child Health Care

The full report is available on the ABPN website

Journal of Child Health Care is now in its 27 th year of publication. Ranking Our current (2021) Impact Factor is 1.896.

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Editorial Board

Role	Number
Editor in Chief 1	1
Associate Editors 14 –	14
Review 1 –	1
Statistics 1 –	1
Social media Editors	4
International Editorial Board	30
Emeritus Editor	1

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Our current Editors, Associate Editors and Assistant Editors are: • Jean Ivey - University of Alabama, USA • Helen Langton - University of Suffolk, UK • Alina Morawska - University of Queensland, Australia • Jojo Wong - CUHK Nethersole School of Nursing, Hong Kong • Kim Atkins - University of Tasmania (Morals Special edition editor) • Mandy Brimble - Cardiff University • Annie Cox - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust, UK • Mandie Jane Foster - Auckland University of Technology • Anneke Grobler - Murdoch Children's Research Institute • Julia Harris - London South Bank University, UK • Jacqueline Jauncey-Cooke - The University of Queensland • Constantinos Kanaris - University of Cambridge • Liz King - Open University, UK • Wanderson Carneiro Moreira - University of São Paulo • Jenny O'Neill - Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne • Wendy Nicholson - Department Health and Social Care • Roses Parker - The Cochrane Collaboration, UK • Jim Reeder - The Beacon, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust • Alison Rodriguez - University of Leeds • Michael Tatterton - University of Bradford

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Dr Stephen McKeever

Editor in Chief Journal of Child Health Care

Communications Report

Newsletter

Danielle Edge stood down from being the Newsletter Editor in 2022. The role of Communications Lead was advertised but did not recruit. The Association is looking at the advertised role to see how it can be made more attractive.

However, in the meantime, Prof Bernie Carter agreed to take on the role Newsletter Editor with the aim of building on the innovation that Danielle had implemented.

In the first edition of 2023 a new fully digital newsletter was published. This fully digital version now presents content in smaller 'bite-sized' chunks and is more visual. The benefits of this format is that it works well on mobile as well as desktop devices. Feedback so far has been positive. Using the software platform (Adobe Express) also helps us ensure that any images we use are fully credited.

Website

The website continues to be updated very regularly and is managed by Prof Bernie Carter. Some of the imagery on the website has been updated – this now means that the visuals on the website align with the type of images used in the Newsletter. In the past year we have added Association policies to the website, we have added all three versions of the Blue Book to the website and also uploaded our press releases.

Our domain name remains the same www.abpn-uk.com This year our platform (Weebly) required us to move to a Professional Site Plan at an additional cost. The Association agreed that we should pay the fee as it meant we could retain our domain name. The cost for the Professional Site Plan to the Association is £198.41 for 2 years (running from March 2023).

Social Media/Twitter

The ABPN Twitter feed (@ABPN_ChildNurse) is now featured on our website. Prof Bernie Carter currently manages this on behalf of the Association.

Taking into account the changes that have occurred in Twitter since Elon Musk's purchase, the Association issued the following statement that appears above the Twitter feed on our website. **"The ABPN is aware of the emerging concerns about Twitter. We do not tolerate hate-speak. We are monitoring the situation to determine if Twitter continues to be a suitable platform for the Association"**.

Prof Bernie Carter

Newsletter editor & website manager

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Ranking

Our current (2021) Impact Factor is 1.896. Impact factor trend is shown in Figure 1

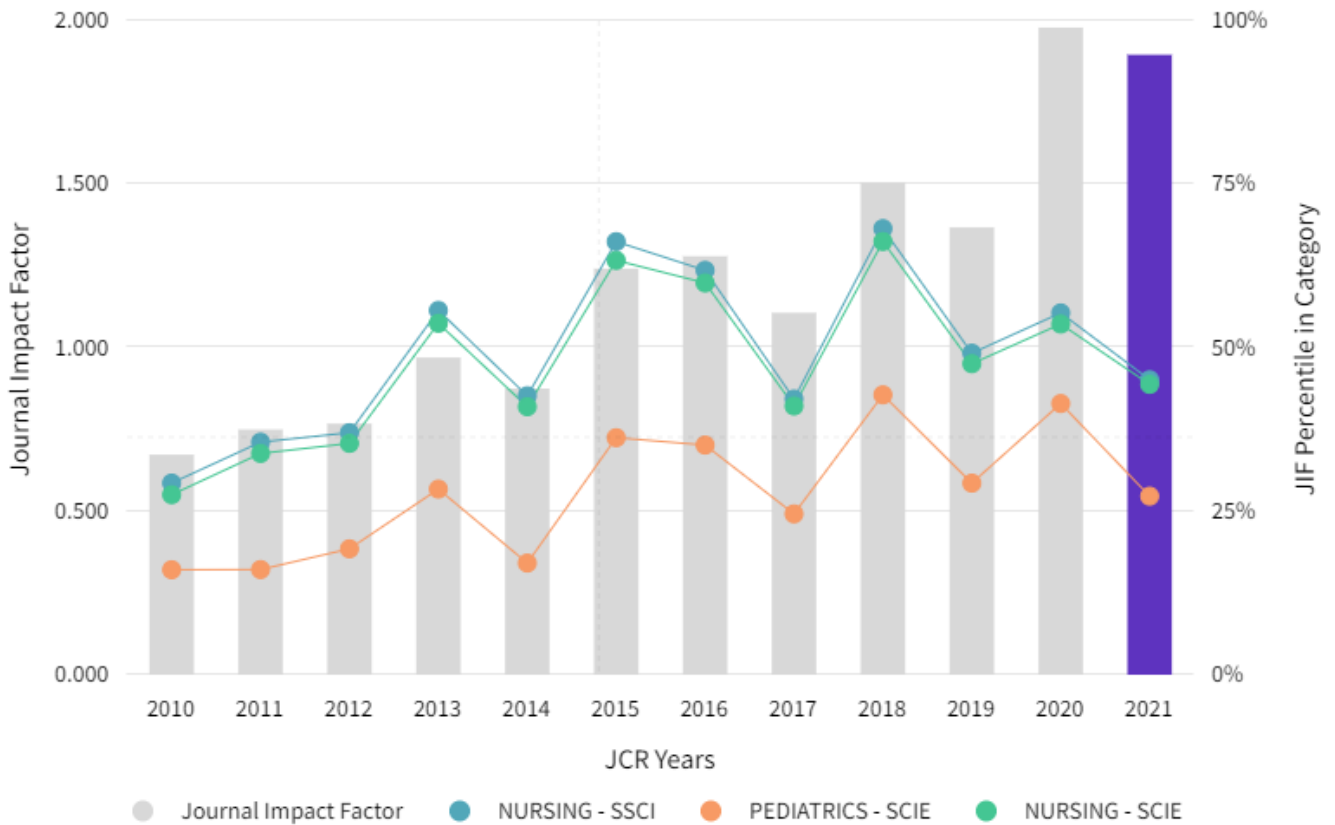


Figure 1 Journal of Child Health Care Impact Factor & percentile rank in category

Whist JCHC’s impact factor has slightly fallen, our yearly number of article citations continues to increase, as shown in Figure 2.

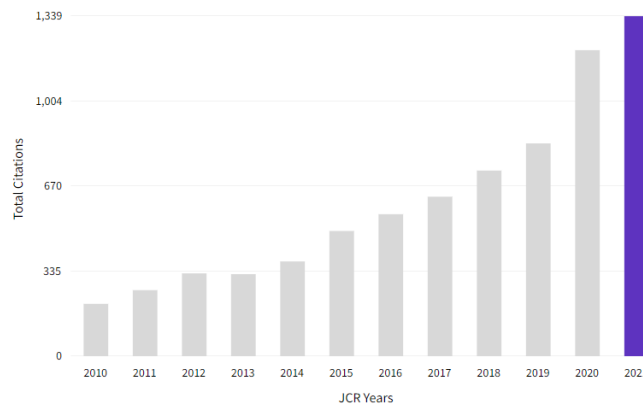


Figure 2 Total number of times JCHC articles were cited by all journals included in JCR database by year.

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

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

Table 2 Top 20 countries by number of submissions (Jan – Dec 2022) with outcome.

Country/Region	Accept	Reject	Total	Accept Ratio
Turkey	2	82	84	2.4%
United States	11	40	51	21.6%
China	1	48	49	2.0%
India	0	25	25	0.00%
United Kingdom	8	16	24	33.3%
Australia	12	10	22	54.6%
Brazil	1	12	13	7.7%
Iran	1	12	13	7.7%
Pakistan	0	11	11	0.00%
Canada	5	5	10	50.0%
Ethiopia	1	8	9	11.1%
Indonesia	1	8	9	11.1%
Nigeria	0	9	9	0.0%
Saudi Arabia	0	9	9	0.0%
Denmark	2	5	7	28.6%
Egypt	0	7	7	0.0%
Jordan	0	7	7	0.0%
Spain	1	6	7	14.3%
Japan	0	6	6	0.0%
Portugal	0	6	6	0.0%
South Africa	0	6	6	0.0%
Ireland	3	2	5	60.0%

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	423	461	504	705	791	669
Original	299	339	389	541	561	476
Accept	55	70	45	44	70	72
Reject	131	257	276	503	463	511
Accept Ratio	30%	21%	14%	8%	12.5%	15%

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Dr Stephen McKeever
Editor in Chief
Journal of Child Health Care
Tuesday, 4th April 2023