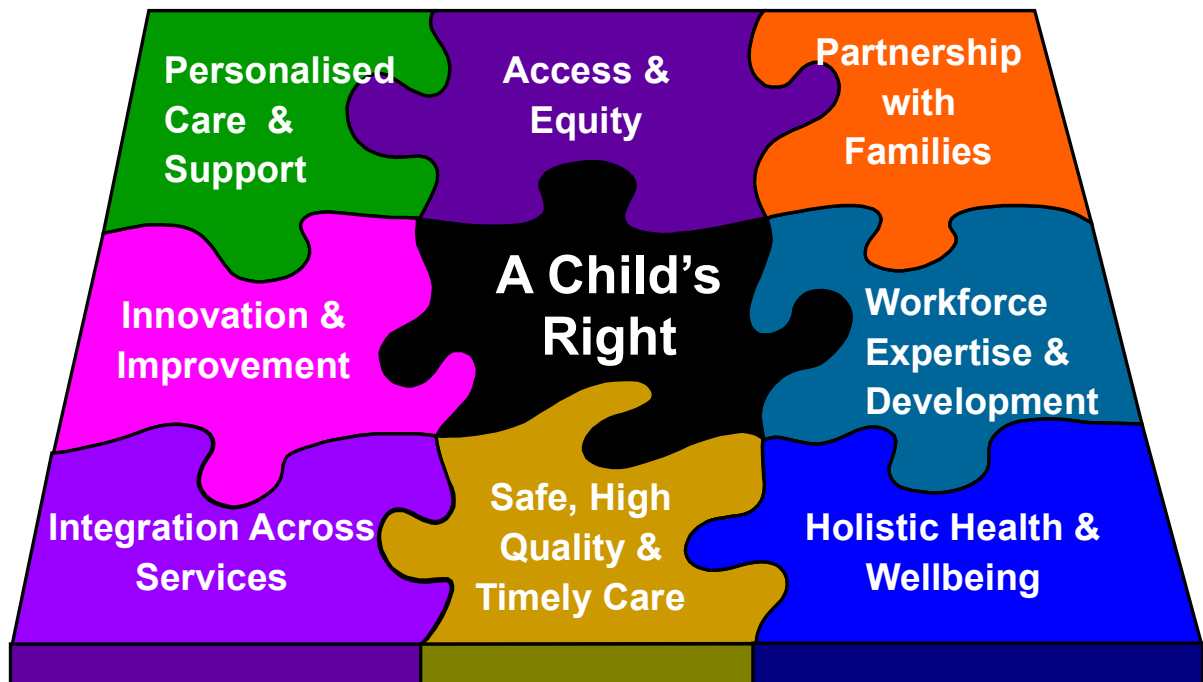


**Minutes of the 87<sup>th</sup>  
Association of British Paediatric Nurses  
Annual General Meeting  
at The Studio in Birmingham  
on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**



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## Attendees

### ABPN Governance and Development Officers and Members

Professor Bernie Carter – President of the ABPN  
Dr Jean Davies – Chair of the ABPN Executive Board  
Kath Evans – Deputy Chair of the ABPN  
Ellie Forbes – Honorary Secretary Designate  
Norman Long – Interim Finance Officer of the ABPN (Trustee, Fellow of ABPN)  
Fiona Smith – Interim Membership Officer, Communications Officer (Fellow of ABPN)  
Katrina McNamara-Goodger – Policy Officer (Trustee)  
Mary Brady – Membership Secretary Designate  
Ann Bisbrown-Lee – ABPN G&D member (Trustee and attended online)

### In attendance:

#### Honorary Fellows and members of the ABPN

Rachel Cooke – Honorary Fellow of the ABPN  
Margaret Gwilliam – Honorary Fellow of the ABPN  
Dr Michael Tatterton - Honorary Fellow of the ABPN  
Ray McMorro – Honorary Fellow of the ABPN  
Matt Carey – ABPN member  
Rebecca Daniels – ABPN member  
Nicola Fielding – ABPN member (online)  
Ashley Harper – ABPN member  
Kate Pye – ABPN member  
Nicola Scott – ABPN member  
Jessica Semedo – ABPN member  
Professor Mark Whitting – (Trustee)

### Receiving awards

Soe Nyi Nyi – Receiving Honorary Fellow Award on behalf of Moh Moh Lewin  
Dawn Bradley  
Mairead Farrell  
Faye Price  
Gemma Stanley  
Claire Tainton

## President's welcome and introductions

Professor Bernie Carter, President of the ABPN, welcomed all ABPN G&D officers/members in attendance within the room and present online. Bernie provided members with a detailed summary of her work with the ABPN over the period of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025-31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Key messages were about the growing membership of ABPN and raising the profile of babies, children and young people's nursing. Being involved, connecting and networking are vital and key elements of ABPN Membership. Thanks were extended to G&D officers and members for undertaking their duties and responsibilities during this reporting period. [The full Presidents report can be found on the website..](#)

## Apologies and notifications

Apologies presented by Ellie Forbes, Honorary Secretary (Delegate) to the ABPN G&D.

**Noted:** Robin Hyde (Honorary Secretary and Trustee), Dr Stephen McKeever (Journal Editor in Chief), Sherice Malcolm (Website Lead), Bertha Ochieng (Honorary Fellow)

Jean Davies, Chair of the ABPN, highlighted to all those in attendance that: Robin Hyde and Ann Bisbrown-Lee have all notified G&D of their intention to stand down from their existing roles within ABPN. Jean thanked Ann for her commitment and dedication since 1996 to ABPN. Jean also acknowledged that Ann would be remaining as a Trustee. Jean thanked Fiona in her role as Interim Membership Officer for her support, advice and dedication during particularly over the last year whilst changes were taking place in the G&D. Likewise Jean gave thanks to Norman Long as Interim Finance Officer. Jean confirmed that Fiona will remain involved as Communications Working Group Chair. Jean thanked Robin for his work as Honorary Secretary and wished him well in his new post in Scotland. Jean also acknowledged that Robin would remain involved as a Trustee.

Jean confirmed that the interim arrangements of Finance Officer and Membership Secretary had been covered by Norman Long and Fiona Smith respectively and would continue until period of transition had been completed.

## Minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Agreed and on the website.

## Officer reports

### Chair of the ABPN – Dr Jean Davies Deputy chair

Jean welcomed all in attendance and highlighted the busy but positive year that it had been for ABPN members and activities. The key focus for Jean had been to establish connections with key individuals and organisations to promote and maintain babies, children and young people at the heart of the work. Key role changes were discussed, and thanks and praise were given to past post holders. Notification was formally given that VeryConnect would not be continued and that changes to the payment system to collect membership fees would be in place. The **National Children's Nurses Day** on 30th June was formally announced and launched. An excellent opportunity to hold celebrations and promote ABPN UK-wide. The newly revised Organisational structural changes to ABPN were presented. [The full Chair's Report and Organisational Structure of the ABPN can be found on the website.](#)

### Deputy Chair of ABPN – Kath Evans

Kath presented key activities in support of Chair and ABPN at National meetings and in Government. Specifically, in supporting Modern Service Framework development in England and bringing perspectives from clinical practice to aid and inform babies, children and young people's workforce and national policy development. Kath also expressed the continuing success of the Webinar Series that has been developed and is available to all members on a range of pertinent topics. [The full Deputy Chair's report can be found on the website.](#)

### Honorary Secretary of the ABPN – Robin Hyde, presented by Ellie Forbes in absentia Interim

Robin had provided a short summary of activities which Ellie presented in absentia. It was Robin's last year as Honorary Secretary, and he has said it was a "pleasure and honour" to hold the role and will continue to support the ABPN through his role as Trustee. Huge thanks were given to Robin from all present. [The full Honorary Secretary's Report can be found on the website.](#)

### Interim Membership Officer of the ABPN – Fiona Smith

Numbers had been steadily rising and most noticeably of annual members and students (see Fig 1 and 2)

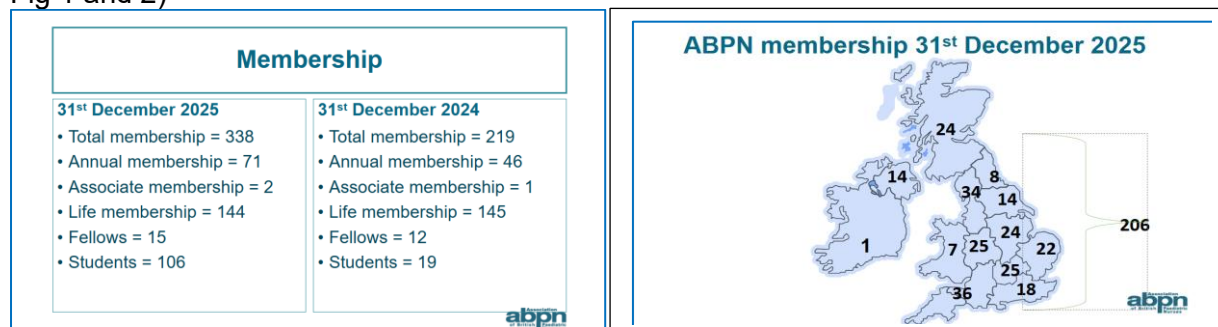


Fig 1: Membership Figures ending 31/12/2025

Fig 2: Membership spread across UK by region

Fiona presented the proposed changes to fees and subscriptions for Year 26/27. Members present at the AGM supported the proposed changes. All members will be notified and details will be amended on the website accordingly, after the AGM. [The full Interim Membership Officer's Report can be found on the website.](#)

### Interim Finance Officer of the ABPN – Norman Long

Norman presented the fact that there was a change to the role part way through the year; however, ABPN finances continued smoothly. Norman explained that membership fees and journal royalties were the main sources of income. It was explained that there will be a new system and platform for receiving payments given the contract with VeryConnect would not be continued. Norman expressed that the ABPN G&D is seeking an interested member to undertake the Finance Officer role. [The full Interim Finance Officer's Report can be found on the website.](#)

### Journal of Child Health Care report, Editor in Chief – Dr Stephen McKeever

Fiona Smith, as Communications Officer, presented Stephen's report in absentia. The Journal is now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year. The impact has risen with significant number of article citations. Ranking with comparable journals has increased. Dr Liz King has been working to develop the Journal of Child Health Care podcasts. [The full Journal of Child Health Care Editors Report can be found on the website.](#)

### Communications Officer – Fiona Smith: Newsletter, Website and Social media Activity

Fiona provided outline of the developments and activities over the last year. Fiona has worked closely with the other ABPN, members, after Georgina Ferguson-Glover notified of her intent to step- down, in order to develop and promote the ABPN digital footprint through LinkedIn, Instagram and streamline the communications. The ABPN website has been newly refreshed and developed by Sherice Malcolm, who was

appointed as the new ABPN website lead, and was launched in February 2026. The Webinar Series has been extremely popular and gains momentum. The Newsletter, which is edited by Professor Bernie Carter, has increased content; issued quarterly and additions such as a “festive” issue. [The full Communications Officers Report can be found on the website.](#)

## **Approval of Honorary Fellows and Awards of Merit**

The ABPN members present approved the following:

- Moh Moh Lwin - Honorary Fellow
- James Robinson – Honorary Fellow
- Claire Tainton – Award of Merit
- Gemma Stanley – Award of Merit
- Dawn Bradley – Award of Merit
- Mairead Farrell – Award of Merit
- Sarah Clayton – Award of Merit

## **Officer(s) Elections/Appointments**

The following appointments were proposed and seconded by Norman Long and Bernie Carter following a rigorous appointment process:

**Chair:** Dr Jean Davies

**Deputy Chair:** Kath Evans

**Honorary Secretary:** Ellie Forbes

**Membership Officer:** Mary Brady

No objections to the appointments were raised by anyone in attendance or on-line.

## **Member Issues**

No members had raised any items for discussion either prior to the meeting or in attendance. Dr Jean Davies and Kath Evans called for any members in attendance to consider expressing interest in the Working Party Groups, or for the Finance Officer position.

## **A.O.B**

Nil raised.

Meeting Closed and thanks given by Dr Jean Davies, Chair of the ABPN, and Professor Bernie Carter, President of the ABPN to all who had travelled to the meeting and joined on-line.

**Next AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2027:** 88<sup>th</sup> AGM & World Café in Birmingham or on MS Teams

## **Presentation of Honorary Fellows and Awards of Merit**

Professor Bernie Carter, President of the ABPN awarded Honorary Fellows and Awards of Merit as follows:

### Honorary Fellowships:

**Moh Moh Lwin** - Certificate and presentation by President Bernie Carter to Soe Nyi Nyi on behalf of Moh Moh. Awarded due leadership and development of undergraduate nursing programme despite significant risk to self and students.

**James Robinson** - Awarded in recognition and thanks for hard work and commitment to ABPN as long-standing member over the years. Certificate to be sent due to absence

### Joined online for Awards Presentation:

Moh Moh Lwin – Honorary Fellow from Myanmar! Along with: San San So, Dr Sue Chapman GOSH, Professor Judith Ellis Sussex ICB and Marcus Wootton RCN

### Awards of Merit:

**Claire Tainton** - Clinical Nurse Specialist, Bristol Children's Hospital. Awarded in recognition of the leadership and establishment of a home dialysis service.

**Faye Price** - Paediatric Epilepsy Nurse Specialist, Royal United Hospital Bath. Awarded in recognition of revolutionising the triage system for the paediatric epilepsy service.

**Gemma Stanley** - Community Children's Nurse, Community Children's Nursing Team, Musgrove Park Hospital. Awarded in acknowledgment of the significant difference made to the lives of children, young people and families by working in a trauma-informed way.

**Dawn Bradley** - Community Children's Nurse and Respiratory Specialist Nurse, Somerset Foundation Trust. Awarded in recognition of leadership and improvements achieved in asthma care across the county.

**Mairead Farrell** - Specialist Looked After Children's Nurse (Adoption), Somerset Foundation Trust. Awarded in recognition of the outstanding support provided to vulnerable children and young people going through the process of adoption.

**Sarah Clayton** - Chief Executive Officer of Simple Stuff Works. Awarded in recognition of influencing improvements and understanding enhancement of postural care for children and young people with complex care needs.

### Joined online for Awards of Merit presentations:

Representing Somerset Foundation Trust: Dr Carol Smith, De Ye Win, Frances Woodward-Bennett, Hannah Pickett.

Full details are available on the [ABPN website](#)



Ellie Forbes

Honorary Secretary, Association of British Paediatric Nurses (ABPN) Governance and Development Group