



## Vice Chair Report 2017 – Angie Perrin

It is 10 years ago that I stepped down as Chairperson of what was then WCET UK and goodness me what an enormous organisational change I have seen! I am very proud to be part of this nursing association and delighted to have witnessed how much ASCN UK has grown and developed into the professional organisation we have today.

My first 12 months serving on the ASCN committee has been a little challenging- getting to grips with the role, demands and responsibilities of each of the committee. We all agree to undertake specific projects on behalf of ASCN to enhance the professionalism and strength of the stoma care speciality.

The first venture I commenced was to amend the current ASCN UK constitution, to bring it up to date with some of the changes that have happened within our association. Having a current constitution is a necessity to ensure we comply with the UK Charity Commission regulations and are entitled to be registered as a charity with UK. Re-writing the ASCN Constitution has been an onerous task, but at this year's conference in Glasgow, we will all be voting (hopefully!) to formally adopt this constitution. The ASCN UK constitution will then not need to be reviewed again until 2019.

In January my first event representing ASCN UK was to attend the Gastrointestinal Nursing conference in London. This conference was attended predominantly by non-specialist nurses, this conference offered an ideal opportunity to raise the profile of ASCN UK and disseminate some of the great work we have all been doing, such as writing some National Clinical Guidelines in stoma care practice which can be used as reference especially for nurses with minimal stoma care experience.

Along with other colleagues I have been working collaboratively with the British Health and Trades Association (BHTA) on various issues, but primarily the new legislations (Conflicts of interest and Eucomed Guidelines) that are going to affect us all. At this year's conference there will be a session that discusses the guidelines in detail. If you do have any concerns regarding this issue, you can forward your questions to [ascnuk@in-conference.org.uk](mailto:ascnuk@in-conference.org.uk).

Last month I was privileged to attend the Colostomy Associations annual meeting where they celebrated 50 years in existence helping and supporting ostomy patients all around the world, they also announced their exciting news – they are now to be known as Colostomy UK.

Finally I look forward to seeing many of you in Glasgow 1-3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 for our National Conference – “Continuum of Change – Take Control”