



Educational Report 2016 – Wendy Osborne

As I reflect on another busy year from the Educational perspective within ASCN UK, I will aim to summarise our activities within this report:

ASCN UK National Conference 2016

We are currently finalising the programme for this year's ASCN conference in Bournemouth Achieving more with Less. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has submitted an abstract. Once again, the quality of the abstracts was excellent. Having 'blind' reviewed each submission, the decisions made during short listing was based on a transparent process to promote variety, quality and interest within the conference. The exciting uniqueness of this ASCN conference is that the content is derived from yourselves. This truly makes the conference one that enables everyone to share the fantastic work you have been undertaking and show casing examples of specialist 'best' practice and developments across the UK.

For 2016 – we are running two ASCN initiated workshops on the first afternoon.

- 1) NMC Revalidation – Bringing the process to life, where specialists will share their experiences, and then provide an opportunity for each and every attendee to increase familiarisation with the process using a personal piece of evidence as a reflective account
- 2) The PSNG (Paediatric Stoma Nurse Group) by popular demand, will be running an interactive workshop on 'Practical hints and tips for the paediatric stoma patient'. There will be 3 differing workstations for a hands on practical session, including an overview of specific conditions and nursing care implications for ongoing stoma care support in the community

This year we are fortunate to have Four eminent key note speakers and a guest speaker.

The inspirational Prof Alison Leary an Independent Healthcare Consultant and Researcher. Her strong interest in specialist and advanced practice, has led her to develop models such as Pandora and Cassandra to enable workforce modelling in healthcare and economic cost benefit analysis. Having been awarded the RCN fellowship last year for her exceptional contribution to nursing, and commendation for being a highly effective leader and role model to senior nurses, who else would be more fitting to challenge the title of our conference this year 'Achieving more with less?'.

Dr Helen Griffiths a Nurse Consultant in Gastroenterology in Hereford and University lecturer, will be sharing her experiences as a specialist, with some of the examples of how and why she continually improves standards of patient care and service; but also reflecting on the insights gained from a personal perspective when caring for her mother.

Mark Crawley A solicitor specialising in medico-legal cases with the Irwin Mitchell Group. In this climate of increasing litigation, Mark will providing an update on duty of candour, note taking, consent and health care law.

Kevin Hodges – British Healthcare Trade Association (BHTA) will be highlighting how the BHTA works with industry and the healthcare code of practice, as well as providing an essential update on the proposed changes within the Eucomed guidelines and what impact this has on you

In addition we are also delighted to welcome Jean Prisk – – who having had her ileostomy for 60years will share her personal journey and experience of life living with a stoma



We are continuing to promote and support recognition for outstanding specialist achievements. The Stoma Nurse of the year (kindly supported by Salts) will be announced after the AGM. Awards for the Best Presented and Informative Poster, judged by the ASCN Area Representatives will be presented and invited to publish their work within the BJN supplement. There will be a prize voted by the ASCN committee for the Most Impactful Presentation throughout the conference. This presentation may either be unique in its delivery while either demonstrating evidence for initiative / advancing practice as well as improving/ enhancing patient experience. The UA (Urostomy Association) will also be presenting their two UA specialist awards to the winners of their category for a research bursary and case study evidence of promoting best practice.

We continue to express our appreciation to Coloplast for their ongoing support of the New Presenters award and Opus (AAH Pharmaceuticals) for supporting the Research Bursary. Both awards enable and encourage ongoing professional and personal development of our specialism.

This year we disseminated our First ASCN Newsletter, award winners were invited to convert their presentations into an article and contribute to the newsletter. We do hope this newsletter will become a yearly activity and would welcome your feedback and thoughts.

Additional ASCN accomplishments

Over the last couple of years, the benefits of extending the involvement of the ASCN area representatives has been to prioritise projects and educational developments for the stoma care specialism. On behalf of the ASCN Committee I would wish to extend our appreciation for your enthusiasm and contributions to support 'Your Association' and the future of the specialism to your peers and patients,

- The National ASCN Stoma Care Standards and Audit Tool was first launched in October 2013; These were updated last year following an update and working with the Paediatric Stoma Care Group (PSNG) to incorporate their standards into these National standards. This edition clearly sets out the expected standards of care for all patients with a stoma from the cradle to the elderly during their journey from referral to long term specialist support. If your department does not have a copy of these, please email the ASCN secretariat

- ASCN Stoma Care National Clinical Guidelines – The first phase of these were completed and disseminated in June 2016, with the initial feedback being excellent ☺. ASCN UK posted out 1 folder to each stoma care department within the UK, inclusive of the first phase of individual 13 guidelines for your keeping and reference. Additional copies are available to download via the ASCN Members Website www.ascnuk.com

A HUGE thankyou to all of you who have contributed and to those who are now involved on the phase 2 of the document.

These clinical guidelines have been extensively reviewed and endorsed by specialist nurses, with the purpose to reduce variations in practice and promote best practice, In doing this, we can promote efficient use of health care resources as well as providing a sound structure for education and training. The evidenced based information and recommendations for the appropriate treatment and care of specific stoma related conditions/ procedures include high output stoma's; management of parastomal herniation, prolapse, sore skin, siting, irrigation. We are now working on the 2nd phase which includes another 13 guidelines including ureteric stents, dilatation, ACE, ileo-anal pouch, Kock pouch, pyoderma.



We have also had discussion with PSNG, and they will be also plan to incorporate their specialist guidelines for paediatrics – so we will keep you informed of updates.

If you are interested in contributing to this exciting project, please contact me on wendy.osborne@ascnuk.com. Additional copies will be available on the ASCN stand for review at conference, we unfortunately do NOT have copies for every nurse, but please remember you will be able to download from the ASCNUK members section of the website

- ASCN UK Specialist Masterclass/workshop – following the huge success of last year’s masterclass, a decision to re-run the specialist workshop in Scotland was agreed. Avoiding the Hump – Parastomal herniation, Prevention rather than cure was held in June in Glasgow (with the star attractions of Mr Neil Smart Colorectal surgeon – Exeter, and Jacqui North sharing their expertise). We had an excellent attendance from the Scottish forum of stoma care nurses which led to a very interactive and successful day, This has now led to a further project which is looking at developing a National guideline for the use and provision of support garments and underwear – so watch this space.
- Future workshops are being instigated focusing on the speciality of Urology – keep checking your emails – notification will be sent out in the New Year with dates and venue.
- Educational activity – in our quest to raise the profile of specialist nursing and increase the knowledge of healthcare professionals, the ASCN committee and members of the area reps attended the London Nurse Show (as highlighted in Simon’s secretarial report)
- Specialist course – The ASCN committee and area representatives remain dedicated to finding a way of creating and funding an ASCN Stoma Care Course, which provides a benchmark level of education, available to all. We have recently undertaken some exciting and positive conversations with a University and are now currently working with BHTA to look at understanding changes in Eucomed guidelines for securing funding options
- ASCN endorsements – we have received a number of applications for ASCN endorsement of information this year from both Industry (Dansac Hints and tips for Hernia/ B’Braun irrigation study day) and Voluntary Associations (CA – Active ostomates). Our key aim is to ensure information is evidenced based, accurate, relevant and consistent.

I will just leave you a reminder about:

Education Grants – The Jean Preston Fund applications can be downloaded via the www.ascnuk.com website for funds to attend ASCN Conference, specialist courses and study days relating to stoma care.

ASCN Endorsements – in our quest to continually promote activities which will assist members engaged in stoma care to increase their knowledge and enhance their contribution to the specialist arena of stoma care, ASCN endorsements can be obtained for your projects which have an emphasis on a direct benefit to those people living with a stoma, such as study days, standards of care, care pathways, educational resources and protocols.

Applications can be downloaded from www.ascnuk.com

Mark Allen Group and BJN – have continued to maintain their support for the specialism of stoma care and are now producing a Specialist Stoma Care Supplement within the BJN three times a year. These are FREE to members of the ASCN (UK).

I look forward to seeing you in Bournemouth, for GREAT conference



Thank you.

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