



Shadow Chairperson's Report 2016 – Maddie White

The interim role of Shadow Chair was created to address the forthcoming changes to the ASCN committee when the Chair and Vice Chair step down after their terms of office at the end of 2016.

This has been a challenging and eye opening few months!

I have been involved in all aspects of planning for the 2016 conference in Bournemouth and as such have had the opportunity to become part of the ASCN committee prior to commencing the Chair role in January 2017. There is certainly more to conference than I ever thought!

I have also had the opportunity to be involved with BHTA and a good working liaison has now been established between ASCN and key personnel within BHTA. This has also resulted in an invitation to BHTA to present at this year's conference in order to give nurses a better understanding of the work and responsibilities undertaken by industry on behalf of stoma care nurses and patients. It is hoped that this relationship will develop further and lead to an effective and productive working partnership in which key messages can be implemented in practice.

I have continued to support the area representative meetings and added to the 1st wave of ASCN clinical guidelines. A working party is currently looking at the use of convex appliances with the aim of writing a comprehensive guideline to enhance practice.

I had the opportunity to represent ASCN at a Charity Dinner for Purple Wings, along with Simon Turley. This is a new charity providing support to young people with stomas.

This role has provided me with experience and knowledge to undertake the role of ASCN Chair for the next 4 years and I look forward to the challenge.

Maddie White

Honorary Shadow Chair ASCN UK

maddie.white@ascnuk.com